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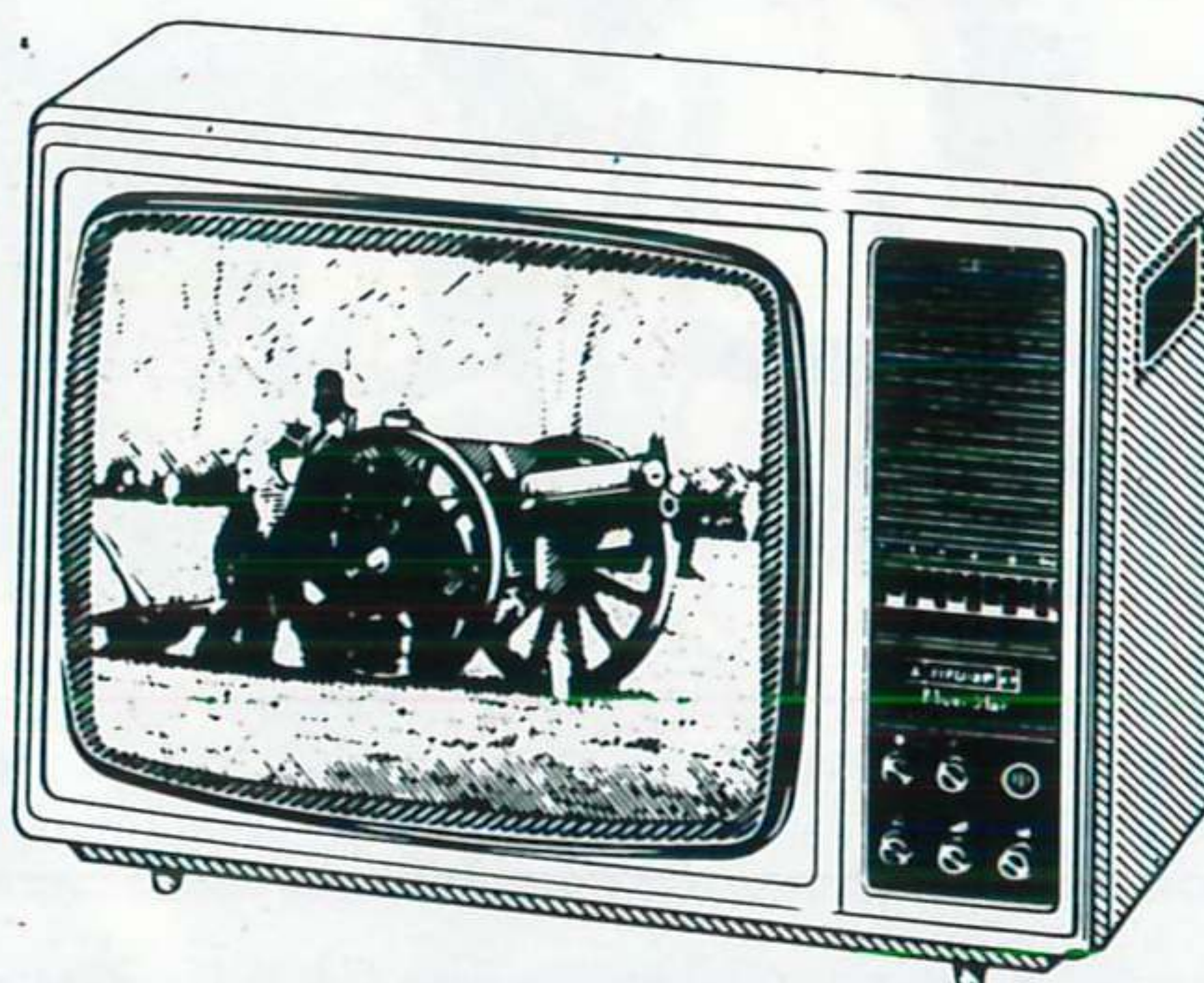
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# Stan Anderson writes

Contrary to opinions expressed by a number of people it was the referee's decision to call off last week's home match against Notts County.

There was no way we wanted the game to be called off. To say I was surprised that the match was put off is an understatement. In my opinion, taking everything into consideration, I thought the pitch was perfectly playable.

There was one spot in the corner on the left of the main stand which had a lot of water on it, but the ground as a whole was fit to play on. I have seen games played in similar conditions hundreds of times.

Cast your minds back to the Ipswich game here last year. That match was a bit of a farce, but it was entertaining, and nobody can tell me that the man who allowed that match to go ahead would have even considered looking at the pitch last Saturday.

I think I understand the reasoning behind Mr Mills's decision. He was the referee, if you remember, who allowed the Everton game to go ahead two seasons ago, the match in which Peter Reid was seriously injured. He abandoned that game at half time and that game must have been deep in his mind last week.

Having spent a lot of money on the ground this year and got the pitch in very very good shape it was disappointing from the club's point of view that the first time we are faced with adverse weather conditions, we have a game postponed.

And what is more amazing is that the 'B' team's game at Bromwich Street on the same afternoon was played — and the Bromwich Street pitches ARE in a bad state. We won that match 3-2 and by all accounts it was a very entertaining game.

Obviously mistakes were made and there would have been mistakes in the first team game, but I think that is what English football is all about.

At the end of the day, though, the referee's decision is final and we really have no arguments against that. But it must be stressed that we had no influence at all over that decision.

The disappointing feature for me was to see Craig Moores's face when the decision was announced. He'd probably had a sleepless night on Friday; he got to the ground very early and was ready at about 2 o'clock. In the end he lost his first big opportunity.

Having had all the injury problems that he has had already in his short career, he's probably thinking somebody up there doesn't like him too much.



# Our Visito



## GRIMSBY'S AIM IS TO HANG ON

Having risen from the Fourth to the Second Division in successive seasons, it is no real surprise to find Grimsby struggling a bit at the moment. It's 16 years since the Mariners last played in the Second Division so their main objective now is to try and hold onto their place this season and then plan for bigger things later on.

Grimsby's achievement is the more remarkable when it is remembered that they have virtually the same team today that lifted them out of the Fourth Division in 1978/79. Ten members of that side, that took runners-up spot in Division Four, are still in the senior squad today.

When Grimsby returned to the Third Division, manager Johnny Newman left and he was replaced by current boss George Kerr who signed two new players to boost their chances in the higher section last season — defender John Stone, signed from Darlington, and striker Kevin Kilmore, a club record £60,000 recruit from

Scunthorpe.

Kilmore, Kevin Drinkell and Bobby Cumming all became consistent scorers as the Mariners went for further promotion last season. They finished the campaign in breath-taking form, unbeaten in their last 15 games and won the Third Division championship with three points to spare from Blackburn Rovers.

Grimsby also enjoyed a record-breaking run to the fifth round of the League Cup last season, beating Second Division Notts County and First Division Everton. Wolves, the eventual winners, needed three matches before finally beating them at the quarter-final stage.

Mr Kerr naturally gave his players a well-deserved vote of confidence after two such rousing seasons that had encouraged a jump in attendances from around the 4,000 mark, at the commencement of their Fourth

# MARINERS



Division promotion campaign, to almost 20,000 at the peak of their League Cup and promotion challenge last season.

The opening months of this season have given the manager a chance to take stock. It could be that he may feel he will need to go into the transfer market for one or two new players but, as yet, he has given little indication of so doing.

The manager has, advisedly, changed tactics this season, though. Grimsby's two promotions were gained by all-out attacking play, their successful Fourth Division side hitting 82 goals. Last season they scored 73.

This season, however, they have scored only eight goals in 17 League outings.

They have also looked far stronger in defence and the only side to score more than twice against them in the League this season is Chelsea. As survival is the name of the Grimsby game at the moment, no one can really blame them for taking a safety-first outlook until they have had time to acclimatise.

It would have been ridiculous to throw away two years' good work by adopting suicide tactics upon their long-awaited return to the Second Division.

However, they are surviving precariously at the moment — largely on account of a good home record. The Mariners will certainly need to repair their away figures if they are to have a hope of staying up.

So far they have yet to win away from home, their only points coming from drawn games at Shrewsbury (1-1), Bristol Rovers (2-2) and Notts County (0-0).

They have been beaten at Orient (0-2), Blackburn (0-2), Chelsea (0-3), Swansea (0-1) and West Ham (1-2) in the League and Notts County (0-3) in the League Cup.

But Grimsby will have drawn a great deal of confidence from their performance in their last away game at West Ham where they went down to one of the strongest attacking teams by only 1-2. Even the Hammers' boss John Lyall was full of praise for Grimsby afterwards.

"All credit to Grimsby who wanted to play football," he said. "We can be thankful that they found Phil Parkes, in goal, in top form when it mattered most. Otherwise, we could have had a shock result."

Clearly, Grimsby are beginning to find their feet and we must expect a pretty tough encounter with them this afternoon.

Having experienced probably more promotions and relegations than any of the other Football League clubs, Grimsby would not particularly relish another downwards plunge this season.

Formed in 1878, they became original members of the Second Division of the Football League in 1892. Since then they have gained nine promotions, they have been relegated on ten occasions and once they were thrown out of the League altogether!

**NIGEL BATCH (Goalkeeper).** Nigel served his apprenticeship with Derby but was released in 1976 when he joined Grimsby. He has been ever-present for the past two seasons and is now fast approaching his 150th League appearance for the club.

**JOHN STONE (Defender).** John made a couple of League appearances for Middlesbrough before joining York City in 1972. Darlington signed him in 1976 and, though playing in defence, he was the Quakers' leading scorer in 1978/79! Grimsby signed him at the end of that season.

**CLIVE WIGGINTON (Defender).** Clive is in his second spell with Grimsby. It was the Mariners who gave him his League chance in 1968/69 and he was a senior player until his transfer to Scunthorpe in 1975. He moved on to Lincoln in 1977 and he re-joined Grimsby just over a year later for £10,000.

**KEVIN MOORE (Defender).** Kevin is a former England schoolboy international who developed in Grimsby's junior teams. He made his League debut in 1976 and has been in the first-team ever since.

**PHIL CROSBY (Defender).** Phil came through from the juniors to make four League appearances last season, three as substitute. He was recalled this season and, in recent weeks, has been holding down the left-back position.

**MIKE CZUCZMAN (Defender).** Mike is another player in his second spell with Grimsby. He originally joined them from Preston in 1971/72 and made more than 100 League appearances before moving on to Scunthorpe in 1976. Stockport signed him two years later and earlier this year he signed for San Jose Earthquakes. Grimsby paid £11,000 for him soon after the start of the season.

**JOE WATERS (Midfield).** Joe began his professional career with Leicester City, making his senior debut in 1974. Grimsby signed him two years later and last season he won his second full cap for the Republic of Ireland.

**MIKE BROLLY (Midfield).** Mike opened his career with Chelsea and made several First Division appearances for the London club. He moved on to Bristol City in 1974 and Grimsby signed him two years later.

**BOBBY CUMMING (Midfield).** Bobby is a Scot who won his way into the Mariners' League eleven in 1974/75. He was originally a defender but he later switched to midfield and attack and last season he netted 18 goals.

**BOBBY MITCHELL (Midfield).** Bobby got few opportunities in Sunderland's first-team so he moved on to Blackburn in 1976. It was after signing for Grimsby in 1978 that he really began to establish himself in League soccer, though.

**TONY FORD (Forward).** Tony joined Grimsby straight from school and made his first League appearances for them in 1975/76. Two seasons ago he was their top scorer with 15 goals.

**GARY LIDDELL (Forward).** Gary grew up with Leeds United but got only rare chances in their first-team. After joining Grimsby in 1977, he began to enjoy regular League soccer for the first time.

**KEVIN DRINKELL (Forward).** Kevin graduated from the junior teams and made his initial League appearances in 1976/77. Last season he was the club's top scorer with 17 goals.

**KEVIN KILMORE (Forward).** Kevin made his name with Scunthorpe and it was after topping their scoring list with 17 goals in 1978/79 that Grimsby signed him for a club record £60,000. He obliged with 16 goals last season.

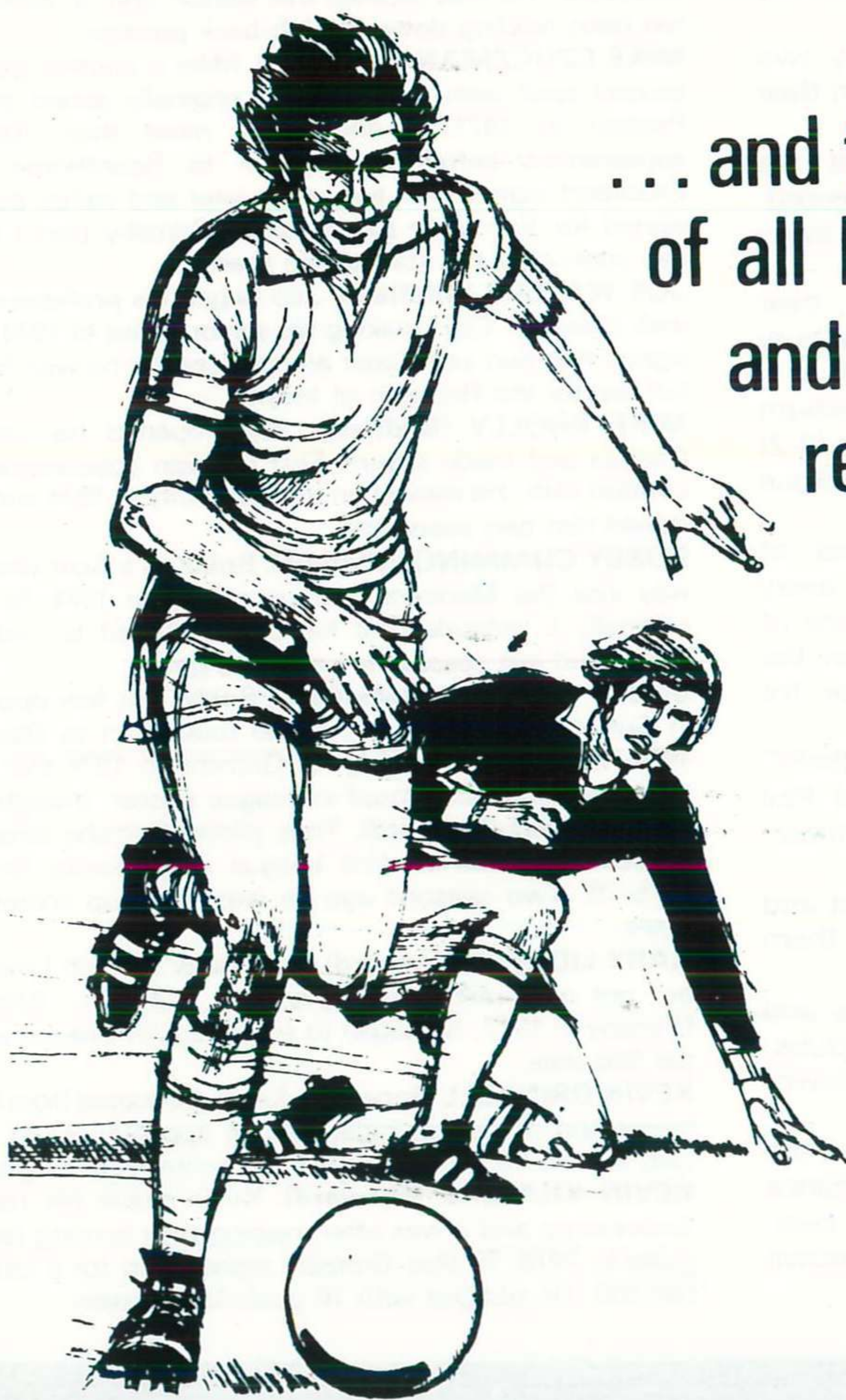


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# Club Scene

## ALAN IS NEW PFA CHAIRMAN

Alan Gowling was this week elected chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association — the players union.

Alan, who has been a delegate of the Association for eight years and a committee member for seven, succeeds former Wanderers winger Gordon Taylor who is now full-time assistant to PFA secretary Cliff Lloyd.

The appointment is a great honour for Alan and a reward for years of hard work and devotion on players' behalf.

After being elected Alan said: "You go on the committee of the PFA to put something back into the game and if you reach the number one job it's a bonus.

"I just hope I can hold the position in exemplary fashion."

## YOUTH CUP TIE

Wanderers Youth team is in action on Wednesday in the second round of the FA Youth Cup against Notts County Youth. The game is here at Burnden Park kick-off 7pm.

## OPERATION YOUTH

Today sees the launch of a revolutionary group ticket system here at Burnden Park designed to give young people the opportunity to watch the Wanderers in the comfort and safety of the Great Lever Stand at the bargain price of 50 pence a seat.

Operation Youth entitles groups of 11 youngsters aged 16 and under accompanied by a responsible adult to purchase a block of 12 seats in the Great Lever Stand for an all-in price of just £6.

To qualify for this scheme, the youngsters must be from schools, or

youth organisations such as Scouts, Cubs, Guides or Brownies, or Youth Clubs. The accompanying adult must be over 21 and be an official of the organisation, either a teacher, or someone delegated to take charge of the group.

The group tickets must be purchased before 5pm on the Thursday before the game.

The club has made a close study of the problems in football and are of the opinion that hooliganism has been a major factor for the decrease in attendances over the past ten years.

Anything we can do to tempt people, and in particular youngsters, to our national sport is beneficial to the game and the community.

We have launched this scheme in conjunction with the Bolton Police who will have officers on duty in the stand to supervise the youngsters at all times.

We want parents to feel that they can allow their children the freedom to go to football in safety as they themselves did when they were young.

We are sure that this scheme is the first of its kind being attempted in the Football League. It is a positive move to attempt to rekindle the family atmosphere at football grounds and if this pilot idea is a success then it is our intention to expand the scheme still further.

Anyone requiring further information and details of the scheme should write to: Group Scheme, The Ticket Office, Bolton Wanderers FC, Burnden Park, Bolton BL3 2QR.

Or call in at the Ticket Office between 9am and 5-45pm on weekdays.

## BOLTON v NOTTS COUNTY

This game which was postponed last Saturday has been re-arranged for Tuesday next, here at Burnden Park, kick off 7.30pm.



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# Parliament must help protect the transfer system

The Football League should seek the help of Parliament to protect the current transfer system. That is the belief of the Football League Secretaries', Managers' and Coaches' Association, who are fast emerging as one of the most positive and progressive, if not the most powerful, bodies in football administration.

What worries the Association above all, is the vulnerability of certain aspects to challenges at law, which if pressed could threaten the continuity of a system that is regarded as essential.

The basic problem concerns the question of compensation for a player who has completed the terms of his contract and is therefore, under the agreement of Freedom of Contract free to move to another club.

As it is now the club the player is leaving is protected by the assurance that they will receive some compensation (a transfer fee) for the departed player, and this is seen as a vital element in the structure of the League. But there is evidence that this practice is under careful scrutiny from some quarters and if it came to the crunch, there is little doubt it would not be upheld by a court of law.

The Association feel so strongly about this that they have stated that; "the disappearance of all transfer fees would very quickly mean the end of the Football League as we know it today." A severe warning for all to heed.

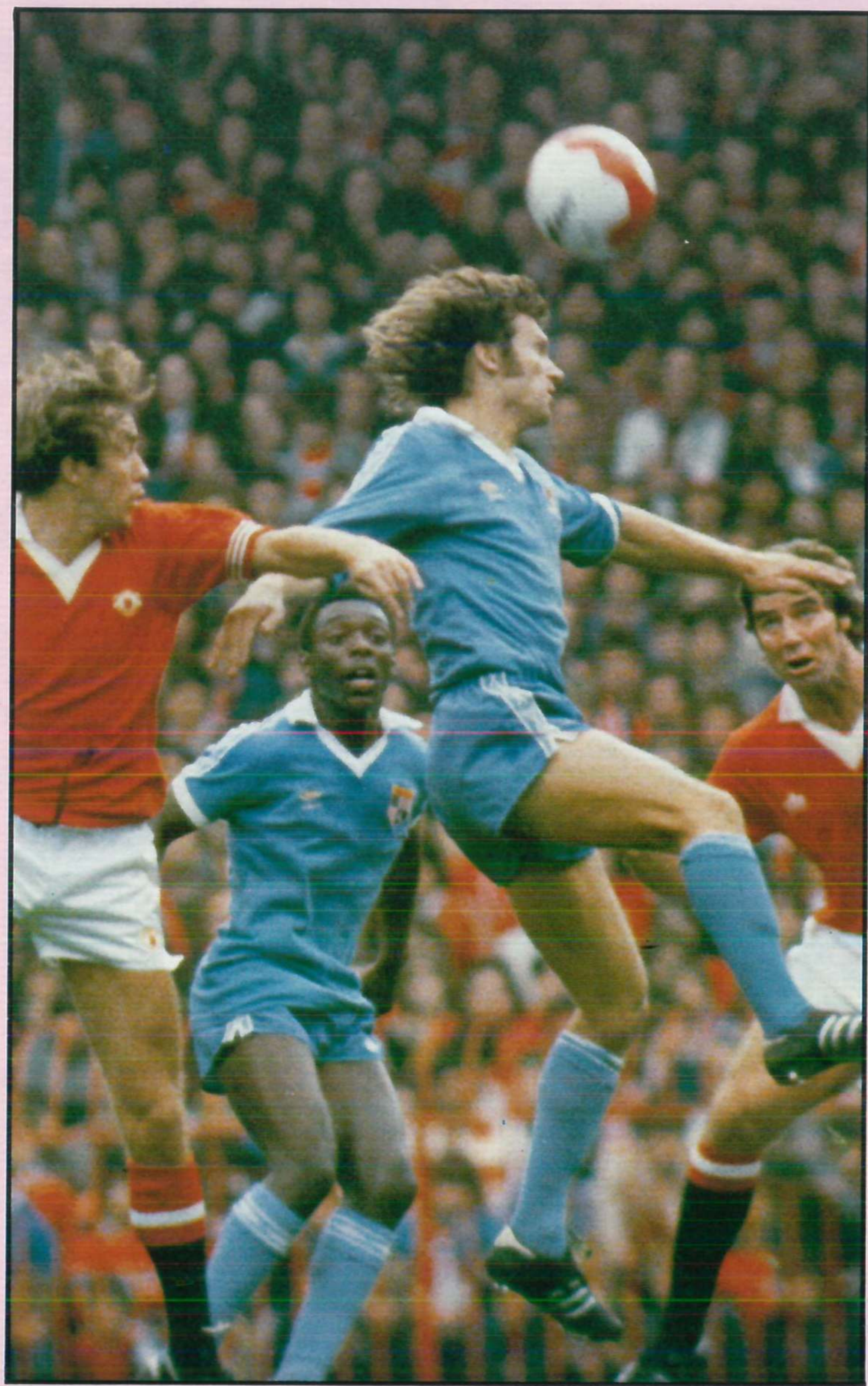
## RELIANCE

Indeed there is no doubt that if this came into being then many clubs would sink and be lost for ever.

Managers have also shown concern because many of them rely on the transfer system to build their teams and they have said that their job would be "impossible" without it.

No matter how good a youth policy you set up there is no guarantee that it will produce the right quality and no chance at all that it will provide quality in quantity.

It is here where the smaller clubs in the Third and the Fourth Divisions become so vital. They introduce to the game a vast number of players, an



amazingly high proportion of whom eventually move into the top bracket. And so in a way they act like a breeding ground for talent and in exchange they receive lucrative transfer fees which help keep them financially solvent.

## CHAOS

No transfer fees and their very existence — and thus, the lifeline of supply to the bigger clubs — would be placed in jeopardy.

Further it is pointed out that England could not afford to become the only major soccer country not to operate a transfer system. Imagine the chaos if foreign clubs could come and snap up our players without having to pay a fee. It would pay them to offer our best stars £500,000 to sign on, and who could resist a temptation like

that? It certainly would not be long before the League was barren of all talented players.

And yet the Professional Footballers Association — the players Union — have intimated in the past that their intention is to eventually abolish transfer fees in their entirety.

So despite the outside threats, the League also faces an inner conflict within its ranks. Bearing in mind the chaos that cricket suffered three years ago, it is essential that footballs legislators first close ranks and then present their case solidly to the appropriate authorities. In this case Parliament, to ask for a change in labour legislation as it relates to professional sport.

This is the concept followed in other countries where the special needs of sport have been recognised.







# LEIGHTON JAMES

## EXPLAINS THE RISK BUSINESS

LEIGHTON JAMES is a rarity amongst footballers these days. He is a conventional winger, a man who likes to hug the line and destroy teams with his elusive skill, pace and lethal finishing.

Earlier this season, Ron Greenwood remarked that none of the international sides these days possess orthodox top class wingers. Wales however proved him wrong, in the shape of Leighton James who destroyed England at Wrexham last May and turned on another world class performance in the 4-0 defeat of Turkey in the World Cup qualifier at Cardiff.

After that triumph, which incidently was Wales' best performance in the competition for 25 years, James spoke to 'Centrespot':

"This was a good game for Wales," he said; "We don't talk in our dressing room about individuals, we leave that to the press. We talk about us as a team, as a squad, as a bunch of players, not as individuals.

"Everybody strives to play international football. You ask any professional footballer what is his greatest honour in life, and he will tell you it is to represent his country. Whether it be the first time or the 51st time."

James returned home to Wales last May in a £130,000 transfer from Burnley to Swansea City. It was a move that rocketed his total transfer market value in moves between Burnley, Derby County, Q.P.R., Burnley and Swansea to over £800,000.

Referring to the step up from League football to the international arena, Leighton says: "I think if players are honest with themselves, they tend to treat every game the same, or they try to.

"Obviously it is very difficult to motivate yourself sometimes if you are playing in front of just a few thousand people, but thankfully at Swansea we get fairly good crowds.

"I don't think any of us in the Welsh team have any problems in breaching the gap these days. In the past Wales have had to call on players from the Third and Fourth Divisions, but that has changed now. We have a lot of good players in the top two Divisions of the Football League which isn't a bad level is it?"

Just how tough is it then for a winger in international football?

"The same as it is for anybody else," is the forthright reply. "It's an international match against international class players and you have to perform to a level of international standards.

And if you do you do well. If you don't you don't do well. It is like playing any other game, you have to be better than the opposition.

"People tell me I have got pace and skill, but I think as I have got older and more mature, I have also developed much more awareness of the game. My attitude towards the players around me has changed. I am much more aware of the problems they have when playing with someone of my style.

"I think this happens to every footballer through experience. People tend to criticise young players like Peter Barnes for being inconsistent. Granted they are inconsistent, but as they become older and more experienced they will become better all-round players. Maybe not quite so spectacular and flashy, and maybe not such good crowd pleasers, but better players as far as their team mates are concerned."

### ACCUSED

Leighton James himself has been the subject of much public debate over the years and the inconsistent label has been pinned on him on numerous occasions.

"Every winger has suffered this way, show me a winger that has not been accused of being inconsistent," he challenges.

"The difference for a winger is that he is the man who has to put the ball at risk by dribbling. It is not easy to pass a ball accurately, but it is a lot easier to pass a ball from A to B than run with it. But wingers have to run with it at times and therefore they are putting the ball at risk by taking on people and trying to beat them.

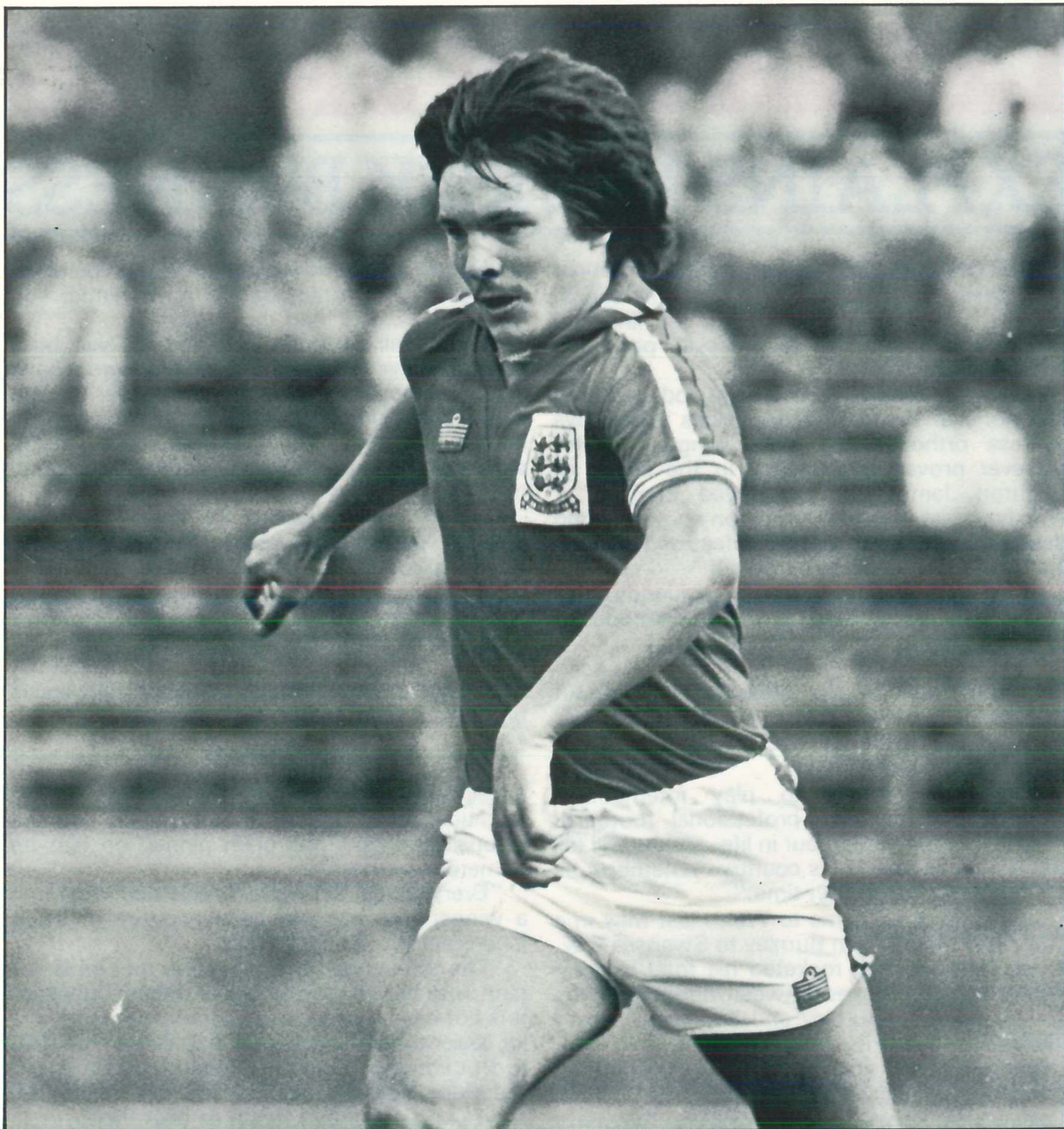
"And don't forget that a defender is also a professional man applying his trade. They will win the ball because that is their job, but there are also times when they won't and that is when it looks great for a winger.

"It is a sad thing about football that a winger always plays badly, the opposition full-back never plays well.

"And we don't only have the full-backs to contend with. They have covering defenders behind them and that is why breaking people down by going down the lines is one of the hardest things in football.

"But that is the role I have chosen to play and I'm not going to complain about it. Carl Harris of Leeds United has chosen the same and we proved against Turkey that once we get down the lines and play balls into the box, we can cause any defence problems."





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# Wilfried Van Moer

## (Beveren & Belgium)

One of the unlikely heroes of the 1982 World Cup could be a balding little Belgian cafe proprietor, who feels, at the age of 35, that he still has a lot to offer to the game.

This gallic Archie Gemmill is called Wilfried Van Moer, who surprised us all in the European Championships with his perceptive football, superb positional play, and with the timing and accuracy of his passing.

Van Moer's presence in the championship is a story in itself. Guy Thys, the Belgian national team manager, was faced with a problem before the vital qualifying matches against Portugal and Scotland. "The trouble is", said Thys, "that although we have some solid defenders and some useful goal scorers, there is no-one to mould the two together".

Someone half jokingly suggested Van Moer, then 34, playing for the unfashionable Beringen, and busy behind

the counter of his cafe in Tongres. Four times Van Moer refused the approach, saying that he was too old for international football. But Thys persisted, and the rest, as they say, is history.

The "little old fox" played brilliantly against Scotland, and was the key player during the Finals for runners-up Belgium.

Against Italy, he was singled out for some rough treatment. "I was kicked too much to notice any football", said Van Moer. "First Orioli got to me, then Benetti. I'm just pleased to be all in one piece."

And that match brought back the painful memory of a previous encounter against Italy, when in 1972, in a quarter-final game for the European championship Van Moer's leg was broken in four places by an ill-timed tackle.

### ENGLISH INFLUENCE

Van Moer started his football career at the age of 9 at Beveren. At 16 he was in the first team and won his first prize — promotion from the fourth division. He soon moved to Antwerp as a right winger, where an English manager, Harry Game, converted him into a midfield player.

He made his international debut for Belgium at the age of 21, in 1966 against Switzerland. Antwerp were relegated into the Second Division two years later, but Van Moer was sold for £53,000 — then a Belgium record — to Standard Liege.

As far as club football goes, this was the most successful phase of Van Moer's career. He helped to win the League three years in a row, and was a key member of the Belgium team during the 1970 World Cup Finals in Mexico.

### HAT-TRICK

For good measure, he was elected 'Footballer of the Year' three times, in 1966, 69 and 70. But he was cursed by repetitive injury troubles, which climaxed in that sickening "accident" in 1972.

Wilfried Van Moer was born on March 1, 1945, his wife's name is Anita, and he has two daughters, Pascale and Tania. He left Standard in 1974, when he was sold for a ridiculously small fee to Beringen.

It was an ideal move for him, because he could buy his cafe and train only in the mornings, while working in "the shop" in the afternoon and evenings.

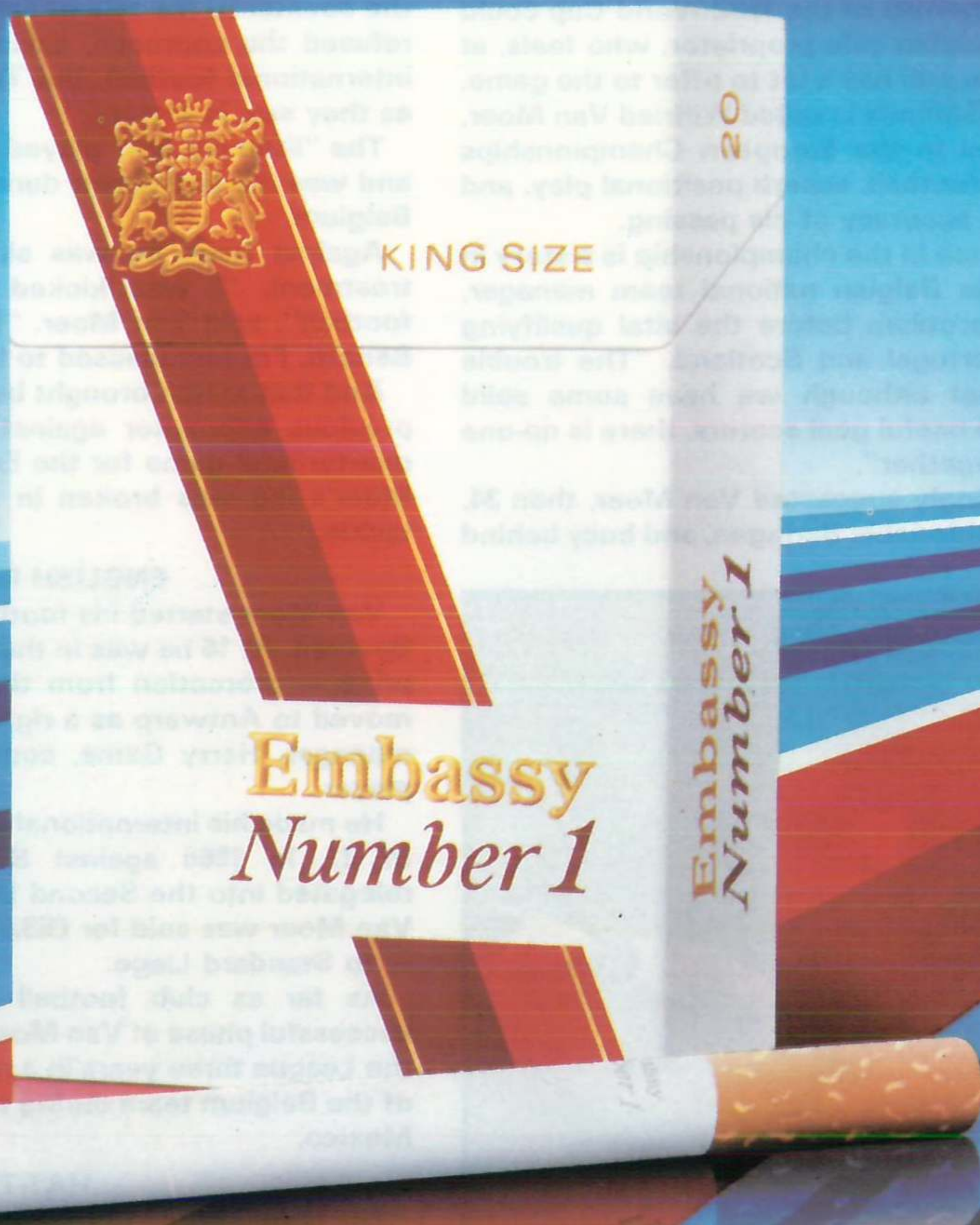
But Van Moer's recall into the national team brought him back into the limelight, and now he is transferred back to his original club, Beveren, playing in the forefront of the First Division with League title-winning ambitions.

He is a smashing little player with vision and enthusiasm. What does Antognoni, that beautifully balanced Italian midfield schemer say about him? "Van Moer hits his passes well and accurately, he has a good understanding of the game. But, above all, he has the greatest gift all the rest of us are still trying to gain — experience!"





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CROWD VIOLENCE has been very much to the fore this season and it is a very very difficult problem to resolve. It will require everyone connected with the game to get together.

It is not easy because the people who fight at football matches go there with that aim in mind in the first place. It is not a question of being provoked by what happens on the field or anywhere else. They go for the fight and we must not ignore the fact that those very same people also cause trouble in other places too. Like in discotheques and bars.

I fear that because of them many decent people do not come to watch us, and by us I mean football in general.

To suggest that it is the players responsibility is by no means the answer. I honestly do not think that the way we conduct ourselves on the field makes any difference, and I think I can prove that.

For example in Spain and Italy the game is much much harder than here, the tackles are reckless and at times cynical, they spit at each other, pull hair and shirts and are very intimidating. Yet despite the fact that latin crowds are far more volatile in general and certainly excitable, they have no problems like we encounter on our terraces.

So while I fully realise that we as players do have a responsibility to uphold the standards of decency and make the game more sporting and clean, I can not accept that the attitudes and actions of players on the field can be held responsible for the violent and sickening scenes that are perpetrated on the terraces.

We must always remember that football is a mans game played by men. There are hard players about, they are an important part and every club in the world wants such men in their side. There is nothing wrong with that. You can be hard and fair and such players compliment the more skilled performers. They are as essential to football as petrol is to the motor car and you can not wipe them out.

The biggest tragedy is that the hooligans are keeping away the decent and genuine supporters. No one wants to go to a ground and be treated like animals, herded behind high fences and caged in with police officers all around.

People should feel comfortable going to a match, it should be a nice afternoon out for the whole family, but it is not.

Obviously I have not got the answer, but next week I will tell you what it is like in Argentina and how the authorities there would deal with such idiots.





# A DYING BREATH

**BIG DAVE WATSON** strode out for his 54th full England cap in the August 23rd Stadium in Bucharest. It proved a busy afternoon for the 33 year old defender, as Rumania pounded England to a 2-1 defeat in a vital World Cup qualifying match. And for the first time in a long while, England's defence came under severe criticism.

Maybe some people were being too hard. Any defence that is under the cosh as much as they were that afternoon is bound to show cracks.

It has been recognised for sometime now that England have a problem in replacing Watson, who some feel will be too old for the finals in Spain should England qualify.

Of course age should not come into it, ability is the main criteria, but from the evidence of the European Championships in Italy last June, it was clear that the Southampton centre-half will not last the distance over a series of games in a short period.

"I felt very tired out there against Spain," Dave told me at the teams hotel, the day after England had defeated the Spanish in Napoli. It had been England's third game in six days. "It was very hot," he explained and added with a smile, "I'm getting too old for this game I think."

Ron Greenwood in answer to questions about Watson's World Cup future had explained that the tendency not so long ago, was to play older players in defence because they had the experience. It seemed a positive indication that the England manager was not ruling out the prospects of the man who has been the fulcrum of his defence throughout his reign.

"That is nice if that is what he meant by it," acknowledged Watson, who continued: "I only look at the next game. If I am involved in England's next game, I will be very pleased about it."

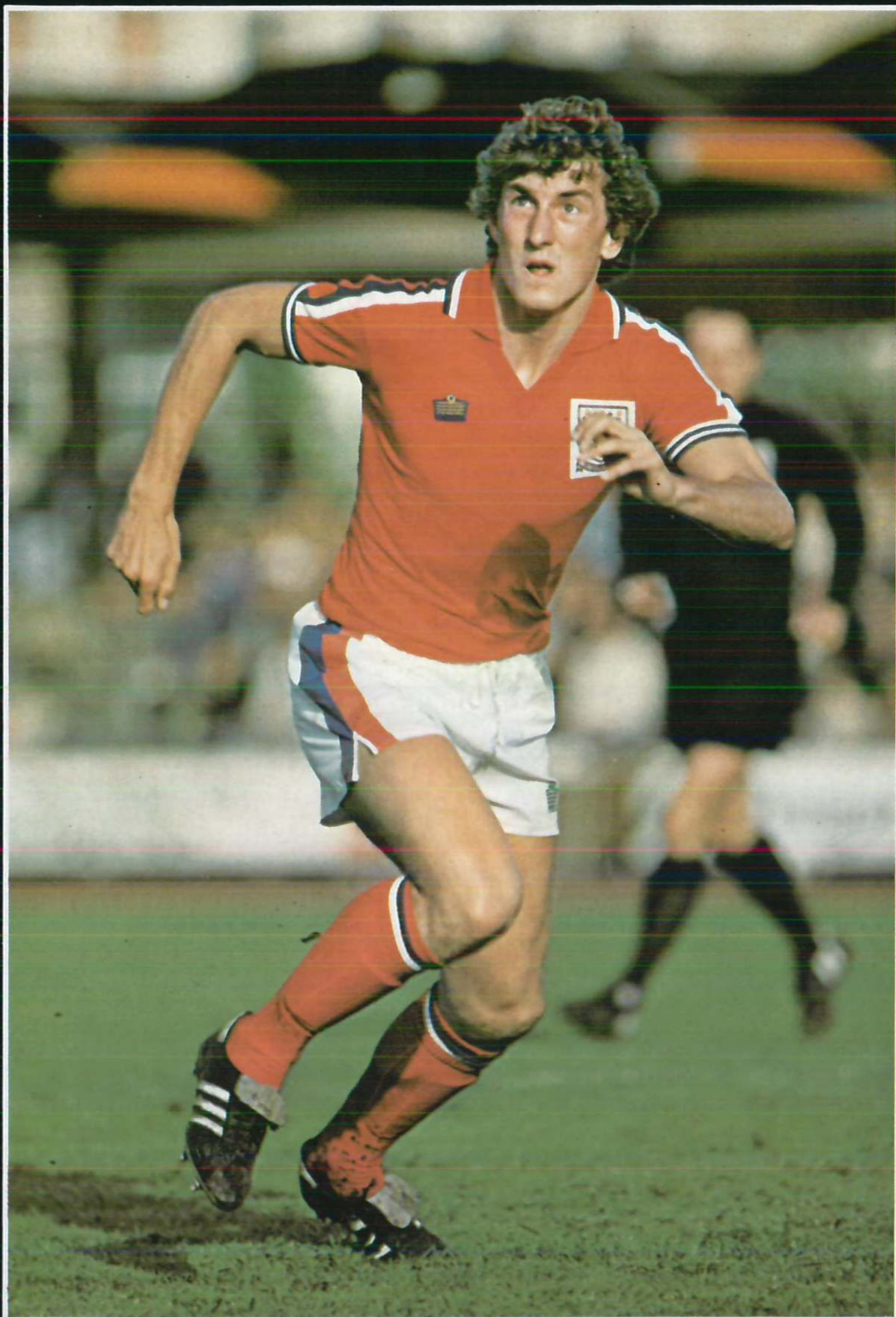
"I am fit, I feel okay. I don't train any harder now, but I train more often, that is the secret when you are getting a little bit older. If you train hard there is nothing left for the games, whereas if you break it up you benefit."

In the Finals in Spain it will be a thirty day stint for the successful sides and whether Watson is there or not there will have to be at least two players to share the burden.

## NO ONE

"I don't even think about it really," the big man confesses. "A lot of people ask what is going to happen when I'm not there. It is difficult, but I think someone will eventually come from one of the First Division clubs to fill the position quite easily."

Has Dave noticed anybody who might fit the bill?



ABOVE: TERRY BUTCHER and RIGHT: RUSSELL OSMAN the Ipswich Town pair being groomed for England's defence.



# ED

## By Colin Benson

"No," he says unhesitatingly. "With no disrespect to the other lads who play in the First and Second Divisions, and although I don't watch a lot of football, I must say that I have not noticed anybody who I think could actually step straight into the national side and do a good job."

Why should there be a scarcity of quality centre-halves in the land that has traditionally thrived on them?

Watson can't say, but he offers one suggestion: "A lot of people say we are a dying breed," he answers. "Whether that is true or not I don't know. There are centre-halves around that play the same way as I do, but international level is far different to club football."

How different?

"You can't put your finger on it specifically," he replies. "But you have to be mentally more aware of what is going on around you and until you have been in the England squad for a few times — like I was before I ever played — I don't think you can appreciate just how difficult it is."

### MODERN GAME

"The whole concept of international football is different. The tensions are greater, there is more pressure on you, everything about it is geared differently."

As we are continually remarking, the game of football is on a constant path of evolution and no doubt one of the reasons why there are not so many 'traditional' style central defenders around is because there are not so many big old fashioned type centre-forwards to deal with.

The modern pattern is to have more mobile strikers, who can turn quickly in the box and use a bit of guile rather than beef. The Tottenham duo of Garth Crooks and Steve Archibald spring to mind, Francis and Woodcock at international level and little Eric Gates at Ipswich.

"There are still quite a few big centre-forwards around in the

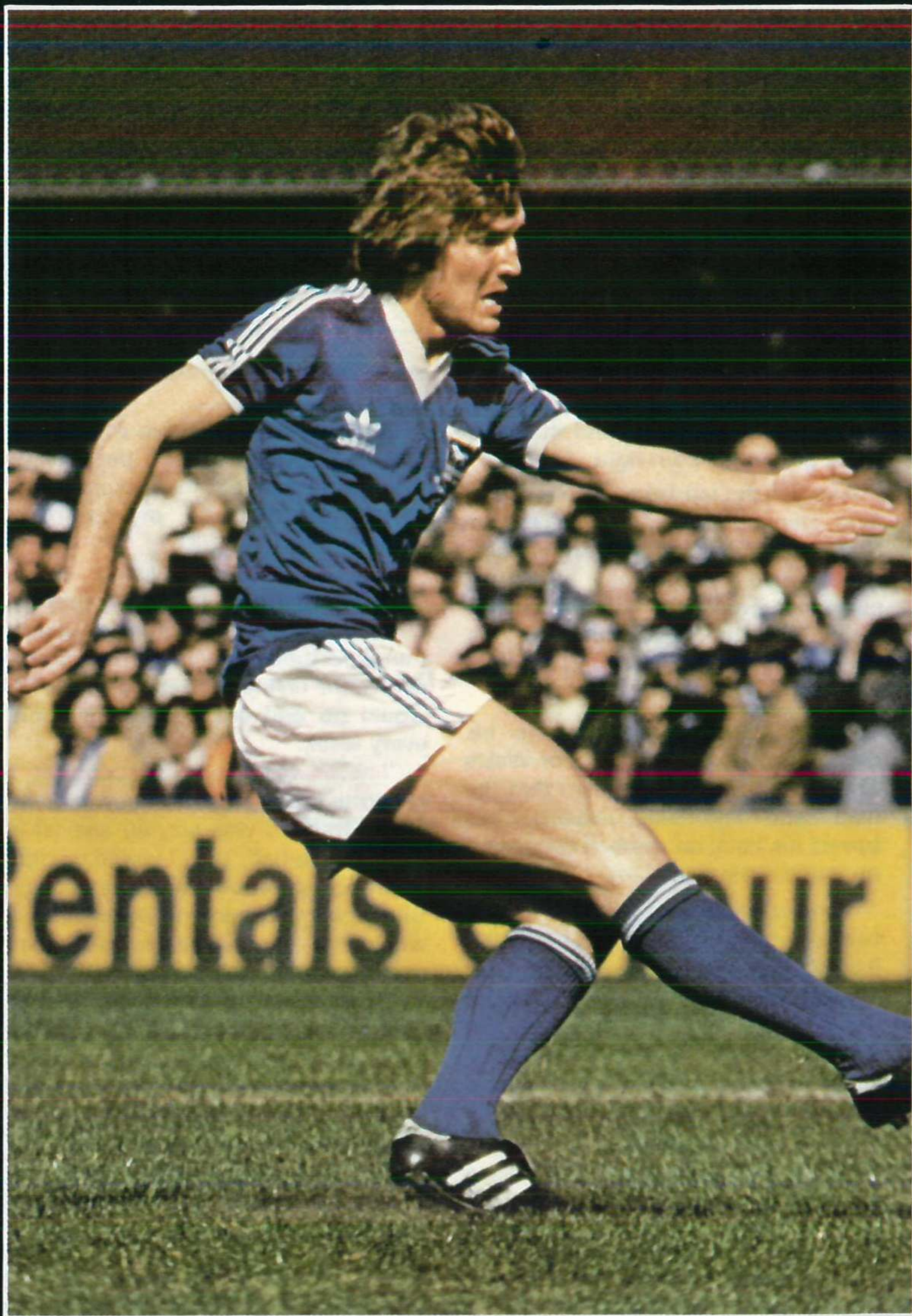
League," Watson points out and then elaborates further: "I do agree that central strikers have become far more mobile than they were a few years ago, but I think there is still a place for the old type centre-halves. I would hope so anyway."

That is exactly why England face the problem of replacing him. And the favourites for the job! Well they must be Ipswich Town's talented pair of Russell Osman and Terry Butcher, two close friends and a partnership on

which much of 'Towns' success depends.

They have played together at England under-21 and 'B' levels and gained their first senior caps in last summers centenary international in Australia, so there is no doubt that they are being groomed for the senior side.

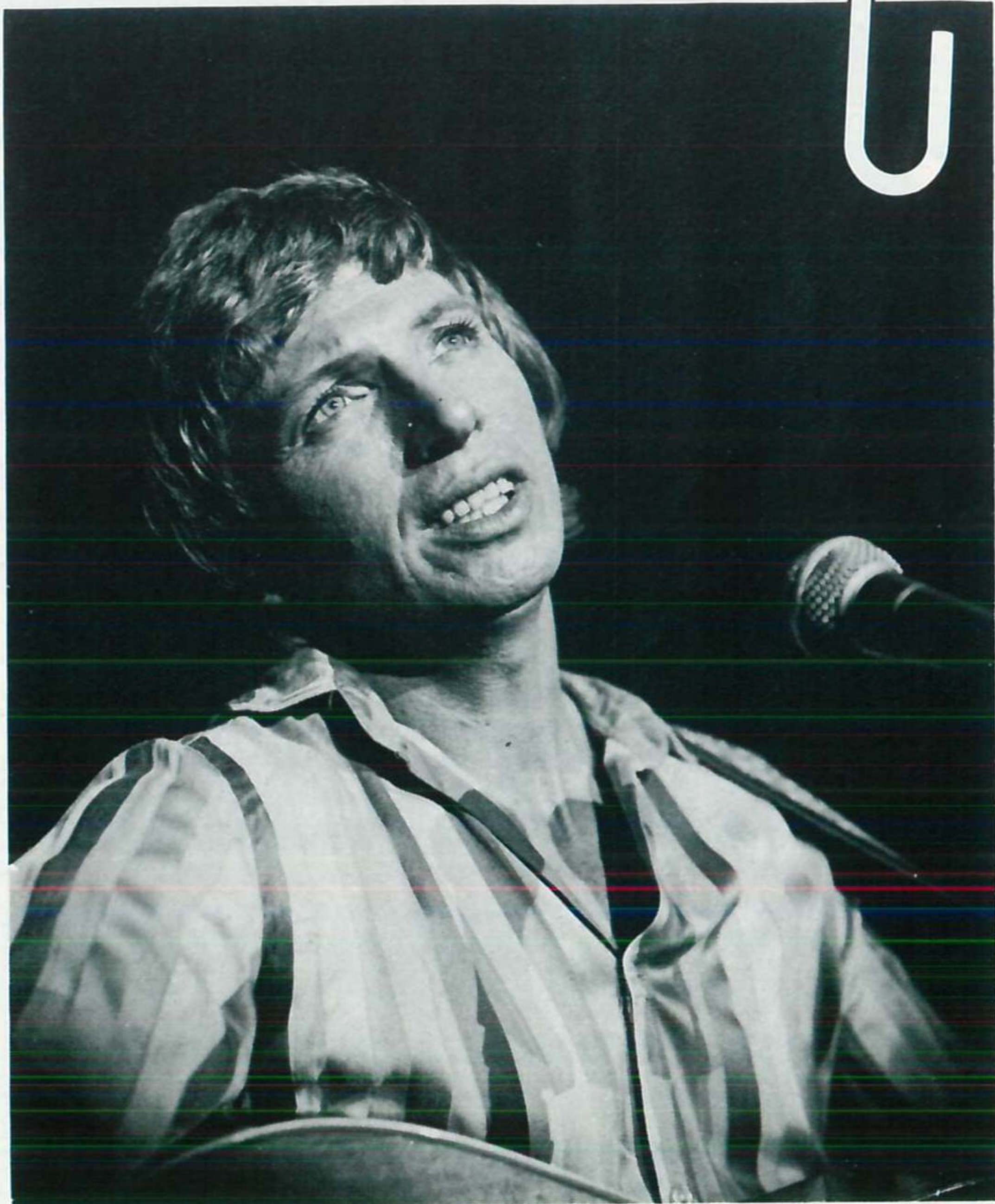
Dave Watson will have the opportunity to run the rule over them next week when Ipswich Town visit the Dell. I think he will be impressed.





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I met the Cockney King in his dressing room at the Prince of Wales Theatre and was sad to learn that the man who entertains millions, has turned his back on football because it no longer entertains him.

Tommy explained: "I have always had an interest in sport and football is just part of the whole spectrum of sport, although it used to be the main thing for me. That was until about ten years ago when I found that out of a series of maybe 25-30 games in a season I would probably enjoy only seven or eight of them.

"Even ten years ago there was a negative approach coming into the game and it got to the stage where I was enjoying 'Match of the Day' on

television much more than the game itself.

"And over the past two years even that has become incipid, particularly this season, and so I made a pact with myself to diversify my sporting outlook.

"Instead of just reading about different sports in the newspapers I decided that every Saturday, given the opportunity and the time, and of course the chance of getting a ticket, I would go and see a different sport every week.

"I never was a one club supporter, I supported the game. If I knew a great centre-forward was playing against a great centre-half, then I would go and see it no matter where it was played, Birmingham, London or Manchester. I would go there just to see that personal tussle going on.

"To see two good midfield players playing against another pair of good midfield players was the sort of thing that attracted me, just to see who would be the masters. I purely used football to see how the game was being contested between individuals, it was the human conflicts that interested me more than which team won.

"Football has a lot of problems at the moment and the proof of the pudding is now! The public are not prepared to spend their money for a terrace ticket if they are not entertained and I think they reflect on the promises from seasons past and find that they have not really got their moneys worth.

"The drop in gates probably indicates that a third of the fans are just like me, they want to see a good game and be entertained. The remainder who go regardless are more interested in the result than how it is achieved."

Is there too much football? Has it reached saturation point and do you become bored with the game because you see too much of it on television? I put these questions to Mr. Steele.

#### COMPARISON

A sparkle flashed into Tommy's eyes, the voice bubbled with enthusiasm as he launched into his reply: "Last night I saw Everton and West Brom in a League Cup game on television and it was the best game I have sat back and enjoyed for a long time," he enthused.



# Tommy Steele

## Who points an accusing finger at television

"What I did was compare what I saw then with the games shown at the weekend and I came to the conclusion that the highlight game — which is the game and the mini-game and highlights of, has now become three sort of vinuets that add up to a certain amount of play, a hell of a lot of fouls, a conglomeration of referees mistakes and the odd goal and the odd miss.

"Even now they are starting to show you misses and good midfield play in slow motion, using it as a playback, and quite frankly it does not rate it.

"So I sit in front of the television and I think to myself. Well I am seeing the best of three games when I would much rather see the good things and the mistakes of one. I want to see how one side wears down another and I think the public at large want to see that as well. They want to see the mistakes and the arguments and the moves that break down.

"You see when a move breaks down, what the TV people seem to be saying is that it is a wasted opportunity. They don't show you how well the defence has been working and that the same pattern was probably played earlier in the game and they have now mastered it.

"What they are doing is taking away the finer aspects of the game. They are bastardising it, they are coming down to a level where they are saying that the game is made up of fouls, mistakes and goals. And that's not what football is all about.

"Football is about 25 men on the park, 22 of whom are trying to get a result and the other three are making sure it is done fairly. The game is a combination of stamina, tactics, talent, tenacity, loyalty and yet you don't get any of that on television.

### NOT FOOTBALL

"Television has badly fallen down because it does not let you get inside a game. You know when they show you a clip from a match that it will be just concerned with goals and near misses. There will be no build-ups.

"It is like when they say we are going to such and such a match and they cut to the game. The commentator will say. 'We join the game mid-way through the first-half.' You see a long ball going over and you know very well that a goal or a near miss is going to happen within 15 seconds. And sure enough it happens. They take all the mystery away.

"That's not the game. It is like showing just the odd spins and the winner going over the finishing line in a Grand Prix. It's like showing you 40 love, with three set points in tennis, or the eighteenth green in a golf classic.

"Yet when one goes to a game, and I still try to go occasionally, purely to break the monotony of television and to find out if things have improved, I find that on the other side of the coin there is nothing happening, so perhaps you can not apportion all the blame on the television companies.

"Maybe the television people consider that they are in the business of entertaining the public through the cathode ray tube, so they try to make the best of a bad job, I don't know, but I can see their problem.

"The answer is somewhere between the two flips, between heads and tails. What is the answer? I don't know, I'm not in football. But I find that at other sports I go to see, all those points I made about the mistakes, fitness, strategy and tactics are still very prominent and very exciting, while in football the shine has disappeared.

"And over the past ten years I have seen more squash, tennis, athletics, golf and motor racing than football. So I can probably talk on all these sports with a fair mind. Admittedly they are all individual sports rather than team games and I must confess that man against man thrills me most, but I do find that they have the edge on football. Which is a terrible thing for an Englishman to say.

### BLAME!

"But who do you blame? Do you blame the coaches for teaching wrongly? Do you blame the managers

for instructing the coaches to coach wrongly? Do you blame the Directors for directing the managers to direct the coaches to direct the players in the wrong direction? Or do you go the other way and blame the crowd for barracking the players that do what the coaches instruct, who have done what the manager wants, who does what the Board require to please the crowd?"

Tommy's analogy with a nursery rhyme is quite apt. For football is run in an Alice in Wonderland vein. Just like the chicken and the egg conundrum, no one knows the correct answer. To some extent the supporters create the atmosphere. They will not support a side that is not winning, no matter how entertaining they might be and as a club requires their support to exist, it is little wonder that a defensive attitude materialises.

"We are back to the American style, that nobody loves a winner better than a winner," says Tommy. "That means that all the losers go by the wayside and if that is the answer then football will die."

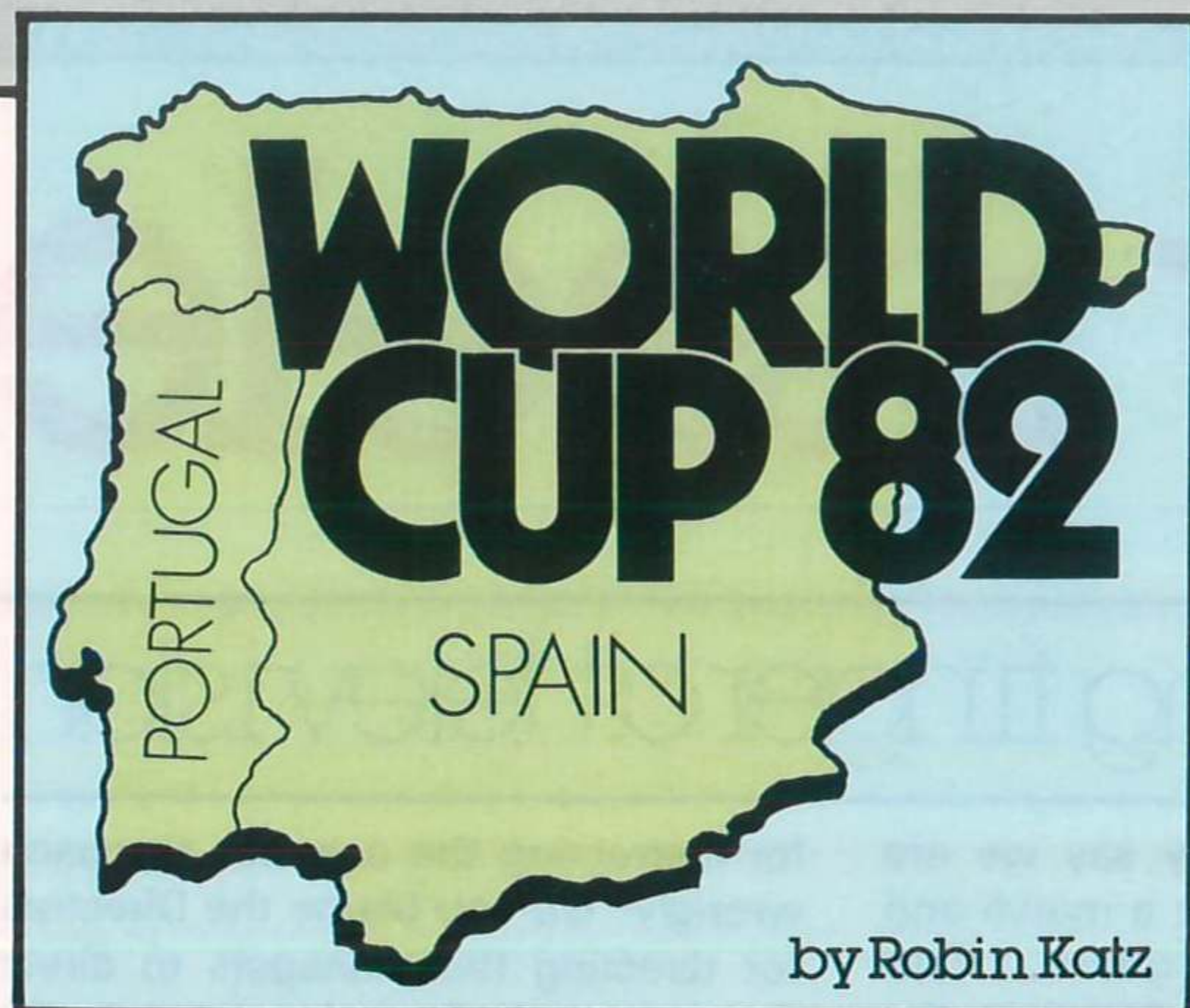
Tommy is now a squash addict. "I used to play football," he says, but I love squash because I think it has all the attributes of the meaning of sport. I like the idea of it being me and him. It is like putting yourself through a mangle, it is a sort of massacistic entertainment, if you like that sort of thing. It pays you back for the dedication you put into it."

Many will say that football is also proving to be a massacistic entertainment, for the followers who shell out hard cash to stand on rainswept terraces anyway.

Tommy Steele has certainly raised some interesting points. Football I am sure is suffering from the wrong type of television coverage and the lack of personality players in the game has also contributed to its loss of entertainment.

As Tommy so rightly said: "The answer is somewhere between heads and tails."





# Start saving for Spain now

In these inflationary times of ours, it's a depressing prospect to look into the future. 'Thinking ahead' may only get you as far as imagining next quarter's electricity bill. And that alone could put you off enjoying today's match.

But specifically, if you advance your imagination to the summer of 1982, then you'll need no reminder of what the brightest spot of the summer will be. The World Cup Final.

Even more inspiring is the fact that this final is being held in a country that doesn't seem as far away as Antarctica. And that's Spain. The more enterprising among you may already be imagining how convenient it would be to combine a case of World Cup Fever with a holiday break in sunny Spain. How many more souls imagine grabbing a rented scooter from the ungrateful hands of the nearest young Mod, rolling a rucksack and freewheeling it for a while?

But alas, getting to Spain with or without a British team to support, is going to take a little more forward planning than that. Sportsworld Travel have the UK consortium for tickets and travel pretty well tied up. That makes them a natural target for aggravation.

So far, they've made newspaper headlines concerning the kind of people they want to avoid bringing to Spain. Hooliganism and sinister plots concerning the Police computer file of criminals reputedly being used by Sportsworld to sort out the fans has made for great reading and will probably continue to do so.

But police, hooligans and politics aside, Sportsworld feel that last minute fans are going to lose out badly.

A little insight behind the scenes helps incite anyone's foresight. Here are the facts as to why Sportsworld is recruiting now.

The biggest headaches are tickets and accommodation. Company director Simon Nutt emphasised the harsh reality of a 97,000 seat venue in Madrid being unequally divided among 100 nations.

'The bulk of available tickets goes directly to the Spanish FA,' explained Nutt. 'The next priority for tickets is also Spanish. This time for stadium owners who must cater for local demand. Then there is a small percentage for public demand.'

'Accommodation, or the lack of it, is going to upset a lot of people. Regular travel companies have already booked 30% of the available accommodation. Normal holiday makers are not going to avoid Spain simply because the World Cup is on. And we have a large amount of requests for family accommodation. The idea being that father and son may go to the game while mother and daughter go shopping. That's twice the sleeping accommodation to seats.'

'The pressure to guarantee accommodation is going to cause problems long before anyone leaves Great Britain. And there is going to be no way to make a lot of people see the reality of it. There are always going to be people who are convinced they can jump on a motorcycle and sort out trivial details like food, shelter and tickets upon arrival.'

But for others, Sportsworld is trying to cover as many corners as possible. Registration costs vary from £50-£80 for anything from a 15 to 30 day trip. During 1981, the firm guarantees to make a firm travel offer. If it's not suitable, the registration money is returned in full. In addition to the advertised programmes, the firm is willing to explore package trips for groups of thirty people plus. Guarantee them thirty people and the thirty first will go free.

With a sackful of mail arriving daily, according to Nutt, the places may be initially filled by December. He claims he doesn't want to start a panic, but does want to prewarn fans. And with package trips being estimated at 1980 prices to run from £350-£1,350, advance budgeting goes without saying.

As for Simon Nutt of Sportsworld, the World Cup is more than just a business. A cricket player in his spare time, Nutt will be in Spain in '82. But diplomatically, he hasn't opted for a favourite British entry yet. 'I just like the game' he insisted.

So fans, the challenge is thrown. Which team will make it to sunny Spain with the fewest hitches? The team on the playing field? Or the teams in the stands?



# TARTAN TOPICS with JIM McDONALD

IT looks as if Rangers winger Willie Johnston is living on borrowed time.

The former West Bromwich Albion and Birmingham City player, in his second spell at Ibrox, was ordered off for the 13th time only weeks after he returned in a £40,000 deal from Vancouver Whitecaps.

He was shown the red card for a nasty foul on Aberdeen's John McMaster which, thanks to television, left a nasty taste in the mouth of fans up and down the country.

The incident caused a storm of protest north of the border because Johnston received only a one match ban, as well as chalking up five penalty points under a new disciplinary code.

His studs were embedded in McMaster's neck only 11 minutes after he had been introduced into the action as a substitute and it seems to be generally agreed that the punishment didn't come anywhere near fitting the crime.

There has even been talk that he should have received a sine die suspension — and this could be the outcome if 'bad boy' Johnston lands in trouble with officialdom again.

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THE Scottish season seems to have got off to a bad-tempered start all round.

Eighteen Saturday fixtures recently produced no fewer than 34 bookings and two sendings off. And on the same day Partick Thistle boss Bertie Auld was put in his place by a police inspector after leaping out of the dug-out in protest!

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HAMPDEN is to continue as home to the Scottish international team — and that's official.

When plans to build a 'new' Hampden were abandoned due to lack of cash, speculation was rife that the big games would be switched to Ibrox or Parkhead.

But now almost £400,000 is to be spent on renovating the Queen's Park stadium to safety standards — and the famous Hampden roar will live on.

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BEST quote in a long time from Aberdeen's international midfield player Gordon Strachan.

Looking ahead to his side's European Cup-tie against Memphis Vienna he said: "We're really hoping for a good win against the Australians."

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ONE of the greatest characters in Scottish football in the 60's was referee Tom Wharton.

Nicknamed 'Tiny' because of his massive 6' 4" frame, he is now a member of FIFA's panel of instruction and is soon to undertake the first-ever lecture tour of China.

The Chinese, only recently admitted to FIFA, are desperate to learn the very latest refereeing techniques and the sight of 'Tiny' demonstrating to the diminutive natives should be a sight in itself.

Wharton's build even took FIFA by surprise. He was asked to telephone his measurements so that he could be kitted out for the trip and within an hour they rang back asking: "Are you sure you have given us the right sizes!"

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HEARTS striker Jim Docherty scored hat-tricks in three consecutive reserve games and hoped for promotion to the first team.

Instead, however, the Edinburgh club kept him in the reserves and then a week later sold him to St. Johnstone for £10,000.

Docherty took it all in his stride because moving around is nothing new to him. After joining Chelsea from East Stirling in a £50,000 deal around 18 months ago he moved back north for a brief spell at Dundee United before moving to Hearts.

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# The Godfathers

## by John Nolan

Not long after Ron Atkinson had left the homely atmosphere of Cambridge United — then in the Third Division — for the more glamorous and arduous position at West Bromwich Albion, I asked him what was the most striking change about his life at the top?

There was no hesitation in his reply, he just simply quipped: "Every time I go to sign a player I have to

negotiate with his agent and accountant as well."

Now although there was an air of flippancy in that remark there was also more than just a grain of truth. For since Freedom of Contract was won, players agents have become more a part of football.

The recent protracted case of Bolton Wanderers midfield player Peter Reid, is as good an example as any, of the involvement of outside advisers, in the contractual affairs of a player.

There are of course agents and agents. There are those who are simply in it for the percentage of the take they can get out, and such operators are no good to football, or for that matter to the men whose interests they are supposed to protect. Then there are the genuine men, the people who are interested in the player and the club he plays for.

Although the word 'agent' probably conjures up all sorts of 007 images, there is no mystery surrounding the men who try to guide and influence Britain's footballers. In most respects they have a sort of paternal interest, and they could quite rightly be referred to as the Godfathers of British sportsmen.

Probably the most well known and most successful, is Harry Swales, the man responsible for directing Kevin Keegan's commercial affairs. He deals in big money and is a definite necessity to the England captain.

Keegan of course is an exception when it comes to talking about earning capacity outside the game, most players do not come anywhere near his potential.

Eddie Buckley, a 44 year old businessman who handles the affairs of Ardiles, Villa, Sabella, Pat Holland and Mick Mills, put it into perspective when he said: "For most players the earnings from outside interests only amount to a few thousand pounds a year. Those who can pull in five figure fees are extremely lucky."

Mind you Mr. Buckley is an unusual case, because he came into the game more by chance than design.

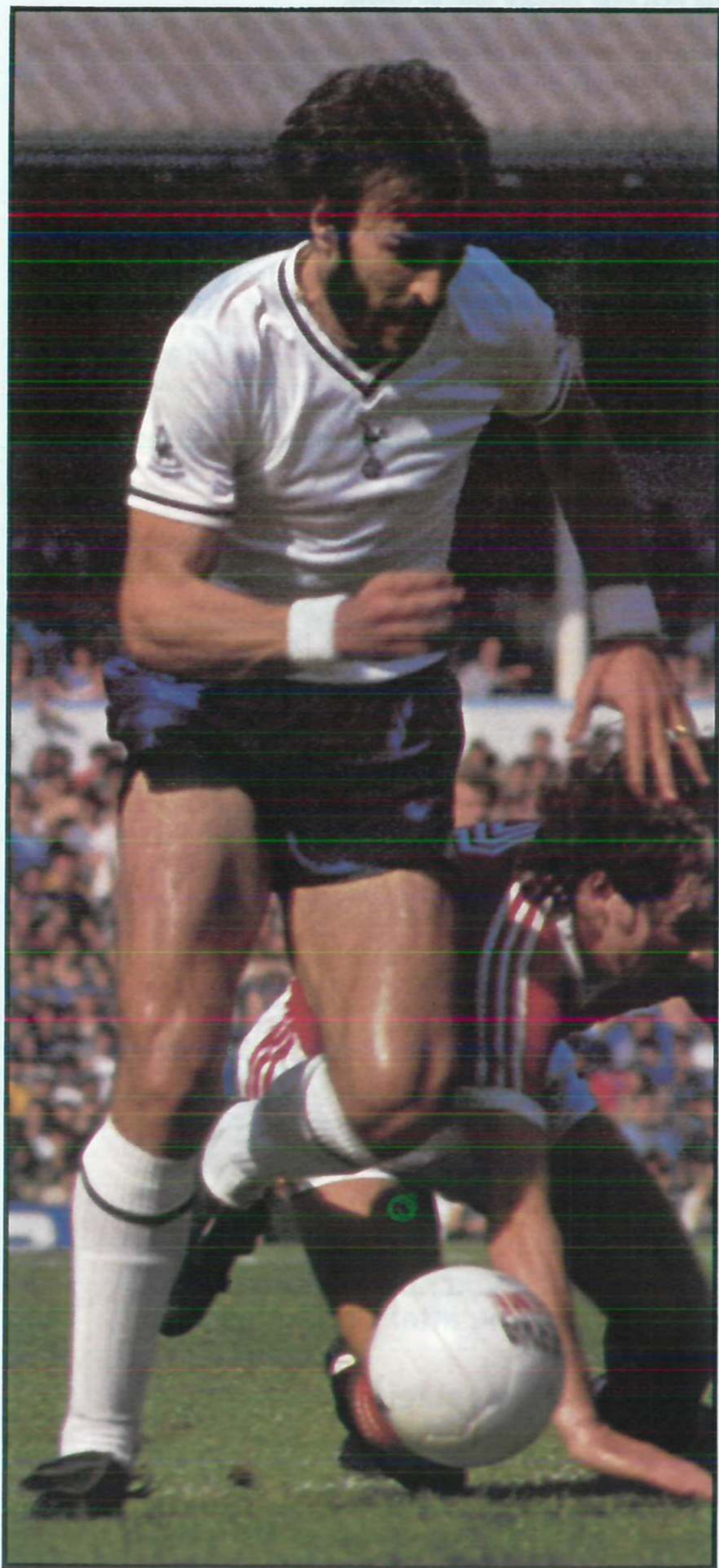
He explains: "When Ardiles, Villa and Sabella arrived in this country, Harry Haslam who is a good friend of mine, wanted to entrust them to somebody who was not influenced by money, and he asked if I would look after them.

### FAMILY

In Mr. Buckley's case you get the distinct feeling of a family affair. He is in it more for the involvement with football and footballers than for the financial pickings. It is far more essential to him that he creates a friendship with his wards than a quick buck.

"I personally don't think there are many players in this country who need an agent," states Buckley. "If a player is going to be a great player such as Keegan or Glenn Hoddle, they can be motivated to being a commercial success. The remainder of players don't need managers or assistants."

Of course in the case of the Argentinian imports it was essential. Osvaldo Ardiles explains why:



Ricardo Villa a recipient of good advice.



"From my point of view it was very necessary," he says. "Coming to a new country and with all the publicity involved we needed someone to refer to, because we knew nothing about English football or your style of life."

"But I agree that the majority of players do not need agents unless they are super-stars like Keegan or Cruyff who have vast potential earning power outside the actual game."

"Most players are intelligent enough to handle their own affairs anyway, people like Trevor Brooking can cope with the commercial pressures."

"Keegan of course was like me, playing in a foreign country and so he needed representation while he was in Germany."

## FRIENDS

"Some people can help. Eddie is not really my manager or agent but a person who helps me in all sorts of things. If he can make some money for me then okay, but our relationship is more of friendship than business."

It has to be a three way relationship for it to succeed, between the player, his agent and the club and when this does operate it can be of immense value to the manager of the club concerned.



Keith Burkinshaw

Tottenham Hotspur boss Keith Burkinshaw is quite firm in his mind. He says: "I think that if it is the agent the player should have, then it is a good thing. But like everything, some are there to exploit players because it is in their own financial interests to do so."

"The good agent works hand in glove with the club and can be a great asset. Instead of being a problem the agent can take many of the off-field worries and snags away from the club and the manager."

"I can see why players tie themselves up with agents," Burkinshaw continued. "They are not always the best bargainers but I think there could be a problem if there are too many people bargaining on behalf of players. Because if it reaches saturation point then everyone will become fed up with the extra activity."

## FEW BENEFIT

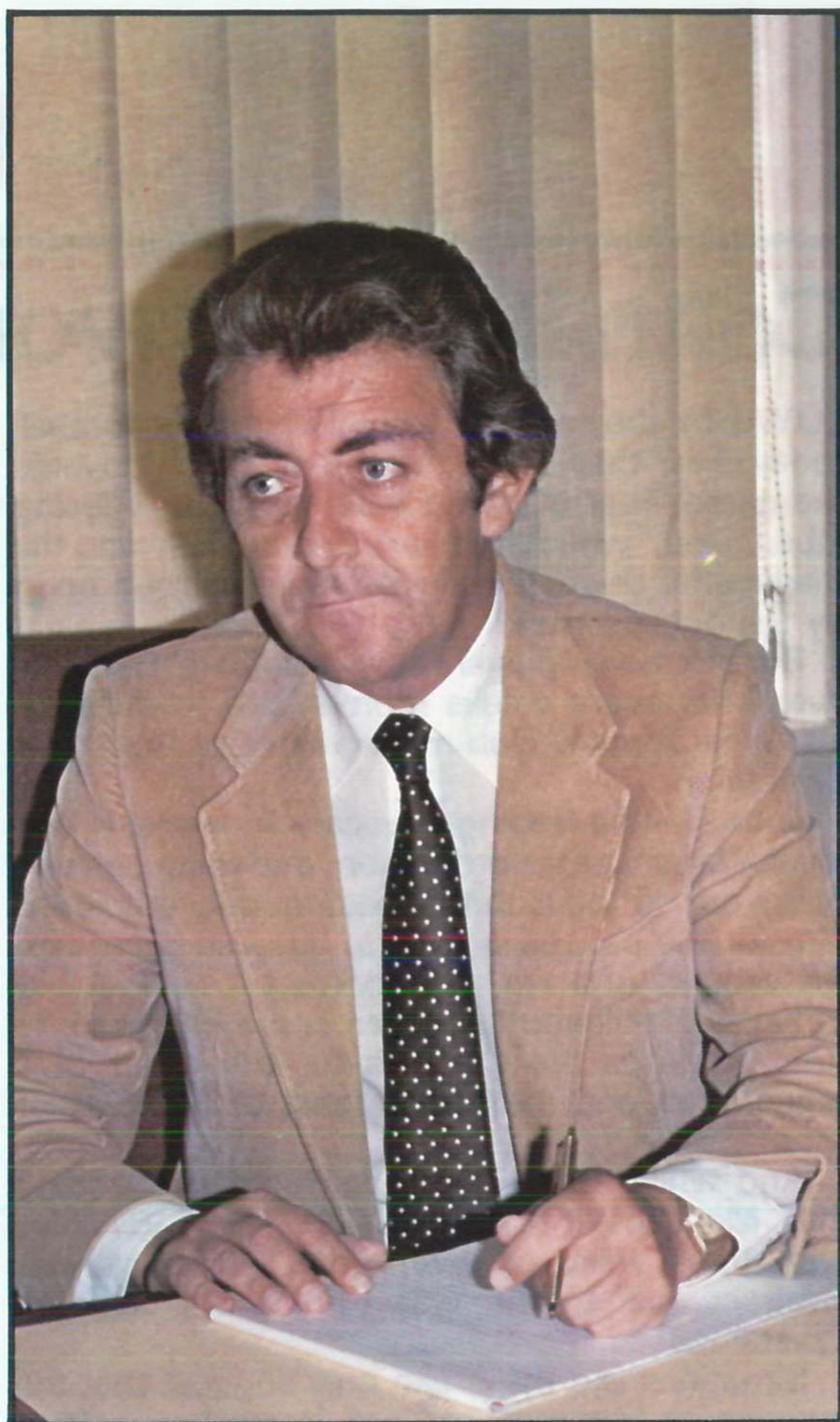
"I think I am reasonably fortunate in having players who don't want to do things over and above what they should be doing. I can see some players wanting to do so much outside of the game that they forget about the thing that really feeds them, and that is football."

"At Tottenham I have not come across that. As long as the players don't abuse it and the agent does not abuse the players it is good. The agent must be in contact with the manager on all things and then you have a sound basis to work from."

Agents will pocket between 15 and 20% of a players earnings from commercial ventures, but it must be clarified that there is a distinct difference between an agent and a financial advisor.

Eddie Buckley confirms: "I don't get involved at all with players contracts, that is specifically between the player and his club. Of course I will give advice to the player if he asks me for it, but that is my only involvement."

I know of at least one manager who has shown a



Eddie Buckley — The ideal agent.

financial advisor the door this season, when his unreasonable demands have squashed a pending transfer. It is clear that in a climate of unquestionably high salaries that players do need professional advice. But it is also equally clear that some operators take the dictionary definition of their title — 'one who exerts power or produces an effect,' just too literally.

Anyway whatever the argument, the fact remains that no matter how many agents there are, only a few of the very top stars will actually benefit.

As Eddie Buckley has discovered over the past two years, it is not that easy to make money from outside. He says "Having done it, I now realise there is not a lot you can do for players unless they are having success. Then they can be scheduled into things."

For the Godfather it is a question of ensuring that the star appears at functions and charity promotions. The players image is all important when it comes to advertising and the good agent will work hard at projecting a players personality.

For Eddie Buckley it is equally important that the promoter should get as much mileage as he possibly can from any transaction, it is a simple case of value for money.

Whether the players consider it value for money only they can say. The fact is that big stars earn big big money and need the agents advice. For the rest common sense can be just as effective.



## Colin Benson's world of soccer

LOYALTY they say is sadly missing from football today. Fear they say is the criteria which governs the game. Fear of losing matches, fear of losing jobs. And when the axe does fall on the managerial chair, the inevitable is frowned upon by the outside world.

But are the employers always so bad? Certainly events in recent weeks prompt one to question just what football club managers want from their profession.

John Bond a leading advocate for honesty and loyalty amongst his profession, suddenly ups and walks out on the club that has not only employed him for the past seven years, but also given him the security of a ten year contract.

Yet with still another seven and a half years to run, he drops the Canaries for the glitter of a bigger club and the bright lights of Manchester City.

And while John Bond was running headlong into Manchester City's affairs, Terry Venables with three years of a reported £40,000 a year contract, still to run was turning his back on Crystal Palace.

Situations like these can only suggest that the managerial fraternity are not interested in long term security and if that is the case then don't feel too hard on the next Board of Directors who sack their boss.

A REMINDER THAT MANAGERIAL SACKINGS are not exclusively an English disease, came from Spain where the first victim fell just after two games. After Atletico Bilbao had suffered a 7-1 thrashing in Madrid, Austrian boss Helmut Senekowitsch received the order of the boot, his place going to former player Saez.

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AT NINIAN PARK it was a night for celebration when Wales defeated Turkey 4-0. Yet while the arc lights beamed down on the victors, the vanquished, in the shape of team boss Sabri Kiraz sadly reflected in a darkened office, on the state of the Turkish game.

The 66 year old team boss whose future is uncertain said: "I thought we played quite well until we were reduced to ten men, then we collapsed. but even when we were two goals down we still played our type of football and did it well.

"The problem is that our game is not suited to international football. We badly need to restructure the whole game in Turkey, the standard is low and we need to have a complete re-think."

## JUNIOR QUIZ TIME

1. What English club participates in the Scottish League?
2. Who is the manager of Q.P.R.?
3. Who won the F.A. Youth Cup last season?
4. Who scored England's goal in the 2-1 defeat in Rumania?
5. Which club are known as the 'Cherries'?
6. Which player holds the record number of League appearances for one club?
7. Which was the last club to win the European Fairs Cup?
8. When was the Fairs Cup last competed for 1966, 1971 or 1976?
9. When was the first ever game played under floodlights. Was it 1878, 1958 or 1968?

10. Who is the only player to score a hat-trick in a World Cup Final?



\*FUN SPOT — Can you name this manager? He played for Sunderland, Newcastle United and Middlesbrough and won 2 full England caps. He has been manager of Middlesbrough, the Greek national side and Doncaster Rovers and was an assistant manager for a spell with Q.P.R. The club he now manages is in the Second Division and was previously known as Christ Church F.C.

Fun Spot — Stan Anderson Bolton Wanderers.

ANSWERS 1. Berwick Rangers 2. Terry Venables 3. Aston Villa 4. Tony Woodcock 5. AFC Bournemouth 6. John Trollope, Swindon 7. Leeds United 8. 1971 9. 1878 10. Geoff Hurst, England.



# BOLTON RECORD

## Part 34 — Season 1925/26

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE

| Division One     | Home | Away |
|------------------|------|------|
| Arsenal          | 1-1  | 3-2  |
| A. Villa         | 1-3  | 2-2  |
| Birmingham       | 5-3  | 1-0  |
| Blackburn        | 2-2  | 0-3  |
| Burnley          | 4-2  | 1-1  |
| Bury             | 3-2  | 5-0  |
| Cardiff          | 0-1  | 1-0  |
| Everton          | 0-2  | 1-2  |
| Huddersfield     | 6-1  | 0-3  |
| Leeds            | 1-0  | 1-2  |
| Leicester        | 2-2  | 2-5  |
| Liverpool        | 0-1  | 2-2  |
| Man. City        | 5-1  | 1-1  |
| Man. United      | 3-1  | 1-2  |
| Newcastle        | 2-2  | 1-5  |
| Notts Co.        | 2-1  | 0-3  |
| Sheffield United | 2-1  | 0-2  |
| Sunderland       | 3-2  | 1-2  |
| Tottenham        | 1-1  | 3-2  |
| W.B.A.           | 2-2  | 3-0  |
| West Ham         | 1-0  | 0-6  |

### F.A. CUP

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Rd. 3 — Accrington (a)  | 1-0 |
| Rd. 4 — Bournemouth (a) | 2-2 |
| (h)                     | 6-2 |
| 5 — South Shields (h)   | 3-0 |
| 6 — Nottm Forest (a)    | 2-2 |
| (h)                     | 0-0 |
| (at Old Trafford)       | 1-0 |
| S.F — Swansea           |     |
| (at Tottenham)          | 3-0 |
| F — Man City            |     |
| (at Wembley)            | 1-0 |

### League goalscoreres

|            |    |              |    |
|------------|----|--------------|----|
| Smith, Joe | 16 | Jack, D.     | 14 |
| Vizard     | 13 | Smith, J. E. | 11 |
| Baggett    | 8  | Butler       | 5  |
| Jack, R.   | 4  | Roberts      | 2  |
| Boston     | 1  | Howarth, N.  | 1  |

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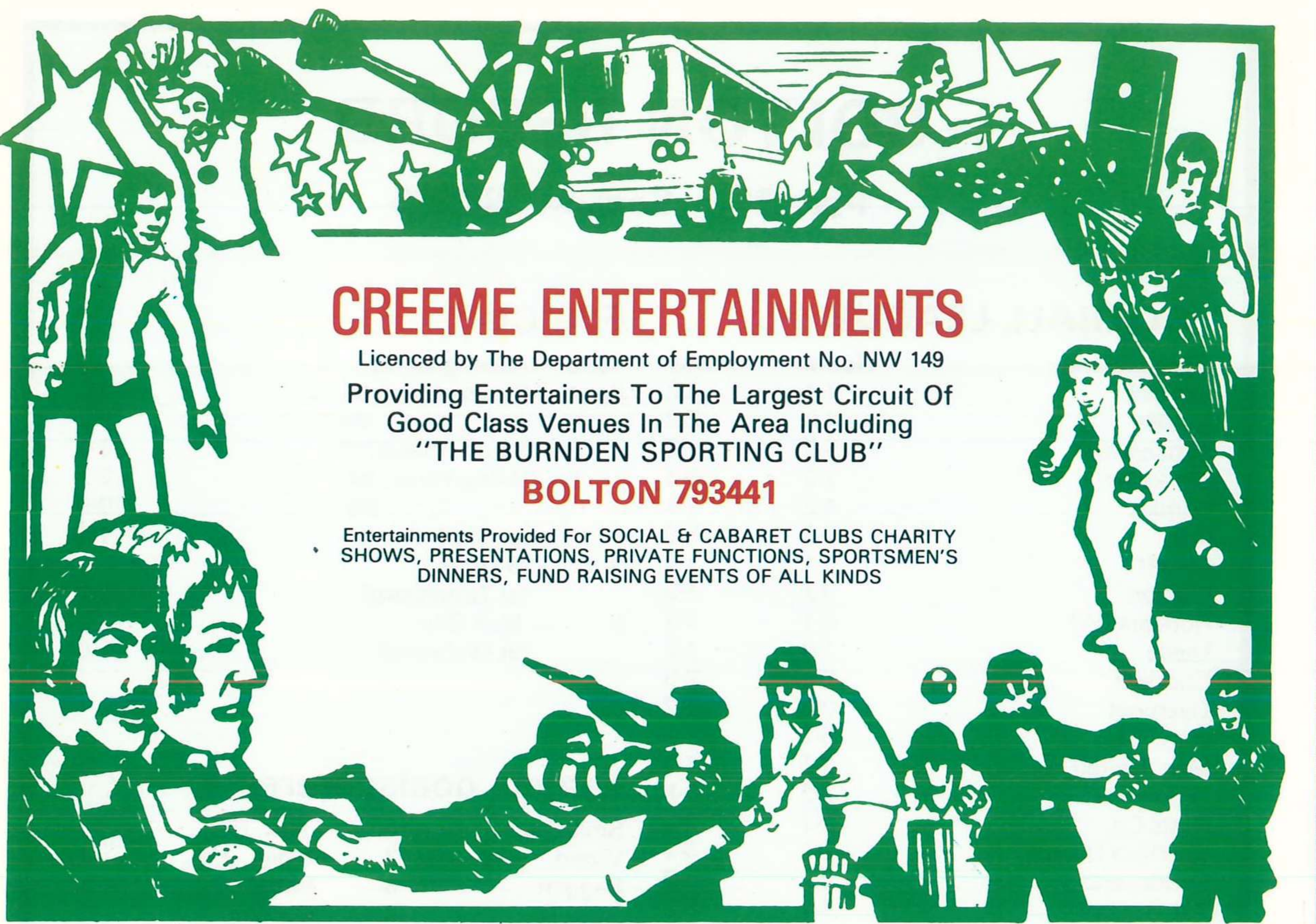
#### appearances:

|                     |    |                |    |
|---------------------|----|----------------|----|
| Baggett, W. J.      | 19 | Boston, H. W.  | 10 |
| Butler, W.          | 32 | Cope, J. W.    | 19 |
| Davies, R. I.       | 1  | Eatock, T.     | 1  |
| Finney, A.          | 5  | Forbes, J.     | 2  |
| Greenhalgh, H. W.   | 17 | Haworth, R.    | 39 |
| Howarth, N.         | 9  | Jack, D. B. N. | 37 |
| Jack, R. R.         | 7  | Jennings, W.   | 29 |
| Nuttall, H.         | 22 | Picken, A. H.  | 3  |
| Pym, R. H.          | 39 | Roberts, C. L. | 4  |
| Round, J. H.        | 10 | Seddon, J.     | 29 |
| Smith, John R.      | 22 | Smith, Joe     | 36 |
| Thornborough, E. H. | 23 | Vizard, E. T.  | 38 |
| Wagstaffe, J.       | 4  | Yates, W.      | 3  |
| Jones, J. M. L.     | 2  |                |    |

### DIVISION 1

|                  | P  | W  | D  | L  | F   | A   | Pts |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Huddersfield T.  | 42 | 23 | 11 | 8  | 92  | 60  | 57  |
| Arsenal          | 42 | 22 | 8  | 12 | 87  | 63  | 52  |
| Sunderland       | 42 | 21 | 6  | 15 | 96  | 80  | 48  |
| Bury             | 42 | 20 | 7  | 15 | 85  | 77  | 47  |
| Sheffield United | 42 | 19 | 8  | 15 | 102 | 82  | 47  |
| Aston Villa      | 42 | 16 | 12 | 14 | 86  | 76  | 44  |
| Liverpool        | 42 | 14 | 16 | 12 | 70  | 63  | 44  |
| Bolton Wanderers | 42 | 17 | 10 | 15 | 75  | 76  | 44  |
| Manchester Utd.  | 42 | 19 | 6  | 17 | 66  | 73  | 44  |
| Newcastle United | 42 | 16 | 10 | 16 | 84  | 75  | 42  |
| Everton          | 42 | 12 | 18 | 12 | 72  | 70  | 42  |
| Blackburn Rovers | 42 | 15 | 11 | 16 | 91  | 80  | 41  |
| W.B.A.           | 42 | 16 | 8  | 18 | 79  | 78  | 40  |
| Birmingham City  | 42 | 16 | 8  | 18 | 66  | 81  | 40  |
| Tottenham H.     | 42 | 15 | 9  | 18 | 66  | 79  | 39  |
| Cardiff City     | 42 | 16 | 7  | 19 | 61  | 76  | 39  |
| Leicester City   | 42 | 14 | 10 | 18 | 70  | 80  | 38  |
| West Ham United  | 42 | 15 | 7  | 20 | 63  | 76  | 37  |
| Leeds United     | 42 | 14 | 8  | 20 | 64  | 76  | 36  |
| Burnley          | 42 | 13 | 10 | 19 | 85  | 108 | 36  |
| Manchester City  | 42 | 12 | 11 | 19 | 89  | 100 | 35  |
| Notts County     | 42 | 13 | 7  | 22 | 54  | 74  | 33  |





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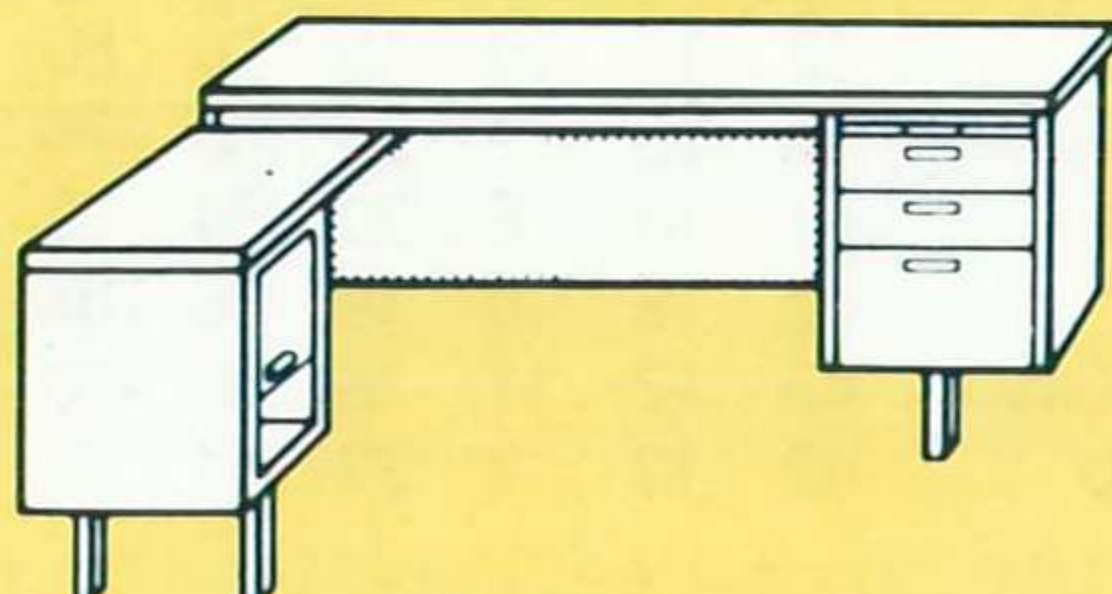
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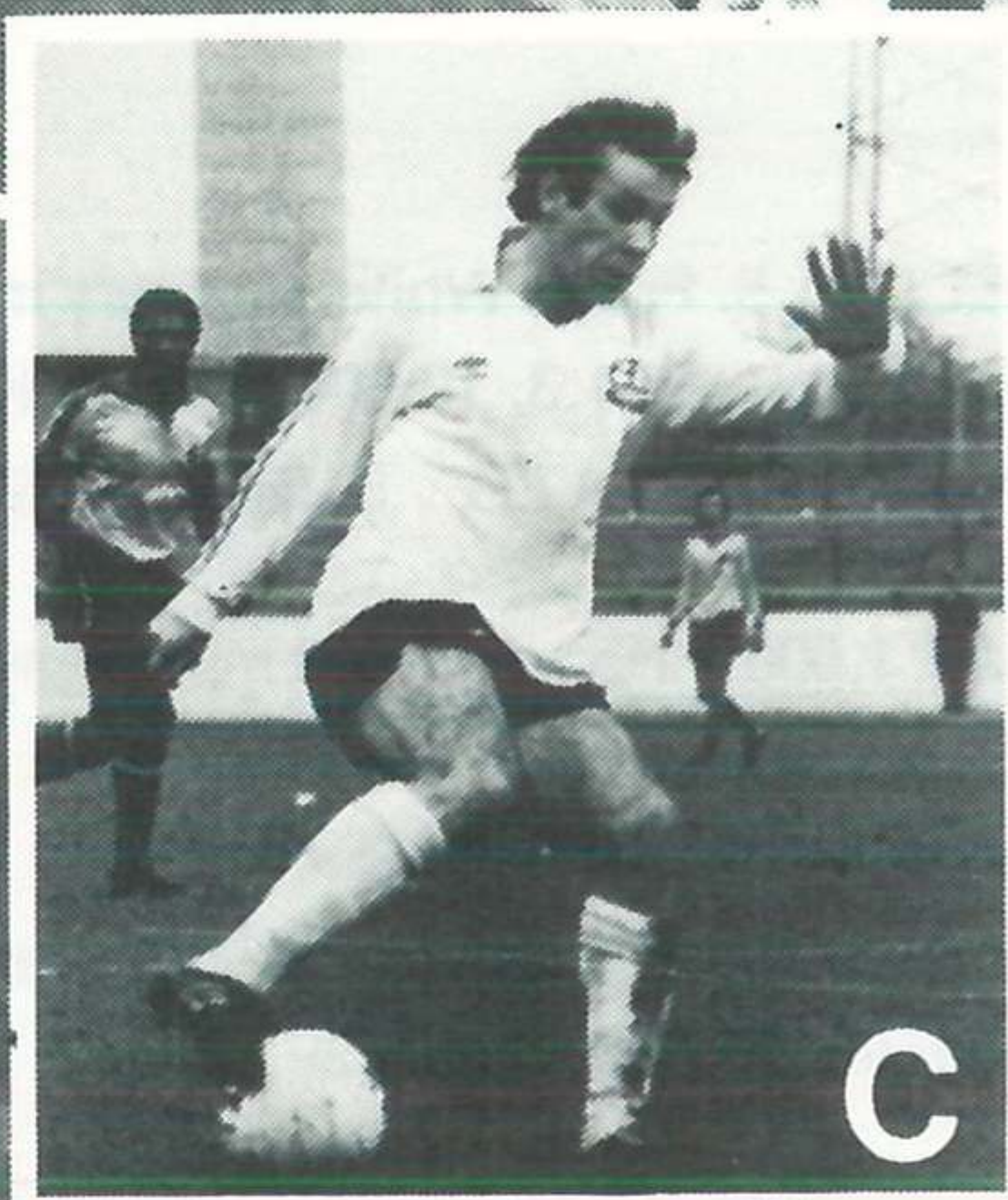
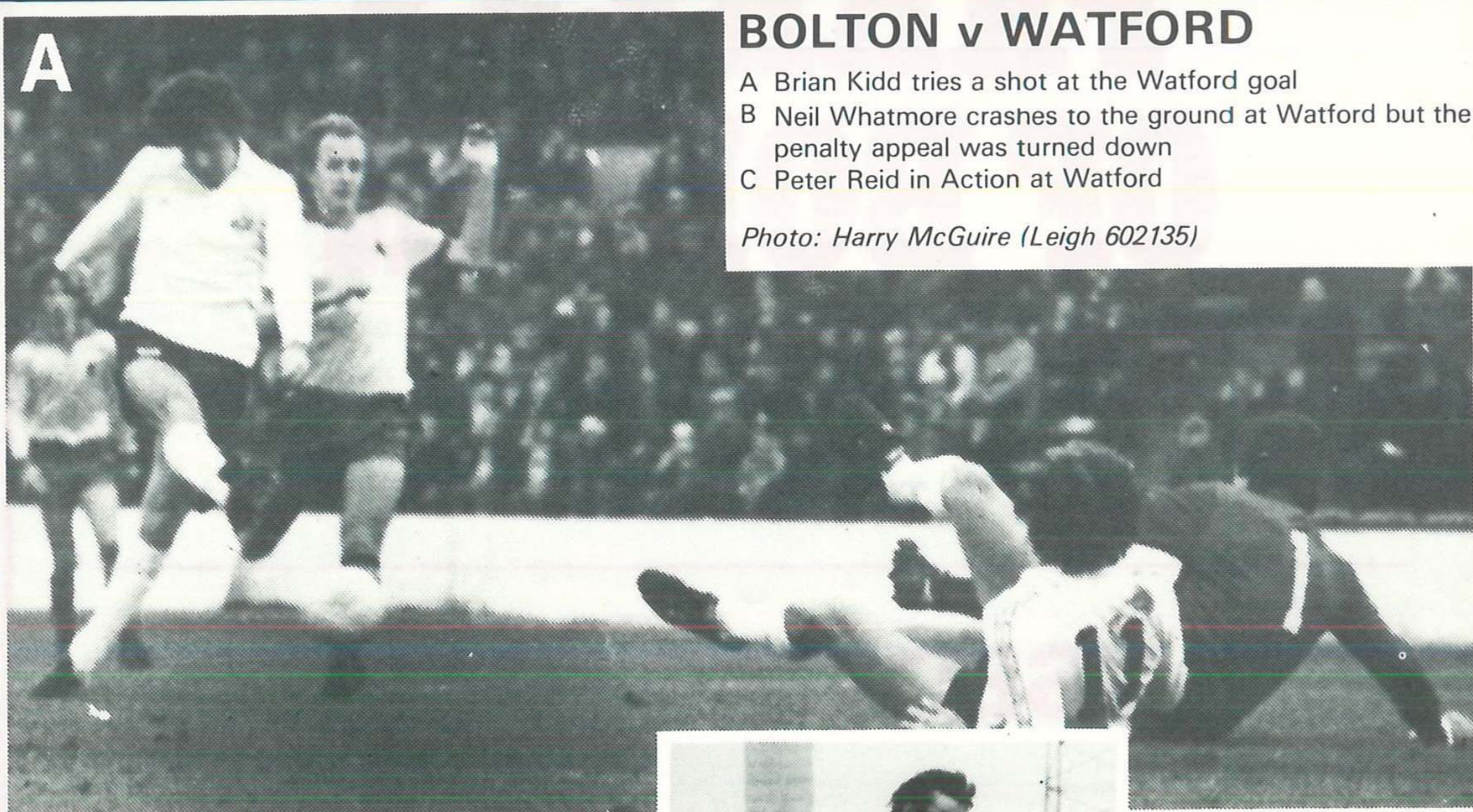


# ACTION

## BOLTON v WATFORD

- A Brian Kidd tries a shot at the Watford goal  
B Neil Whatmore crashes to the ground at Watford but the penalty appeal was turned down  
C Peter Reid in Action at Watford

*Photo: Harry McGuire (Leigh 602135)*





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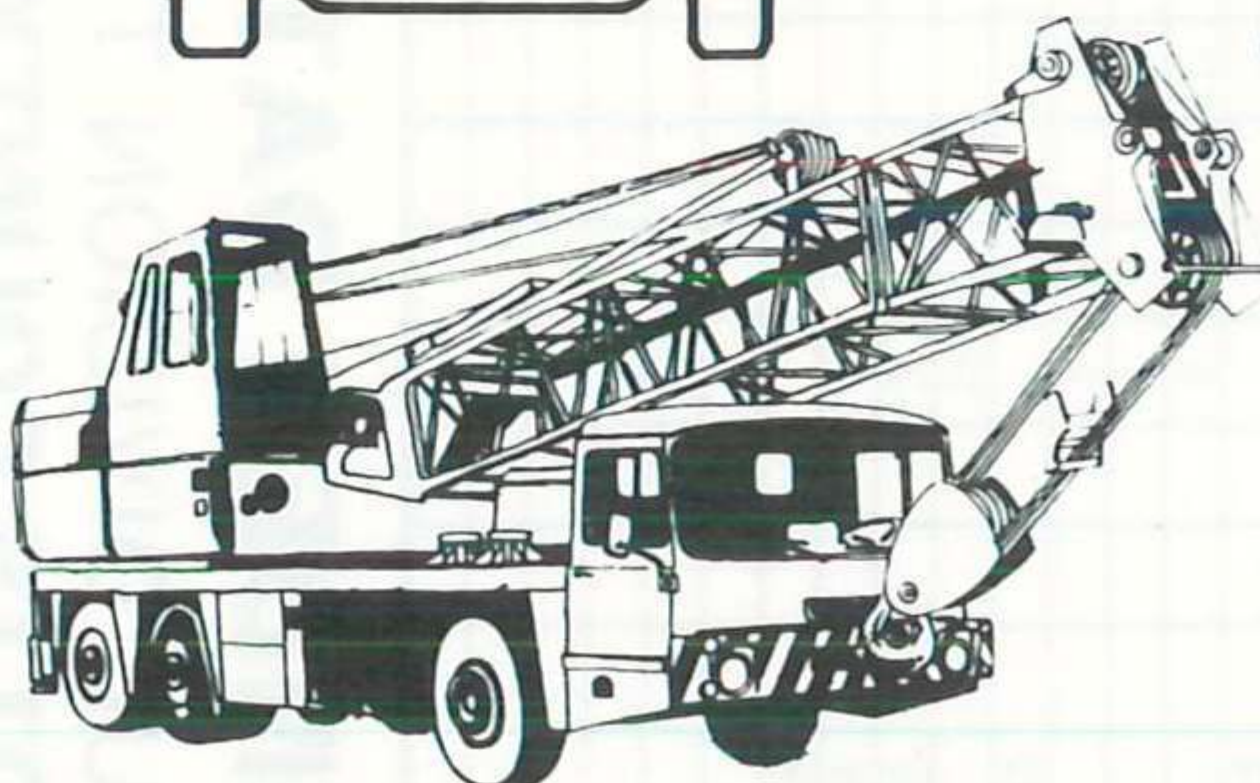
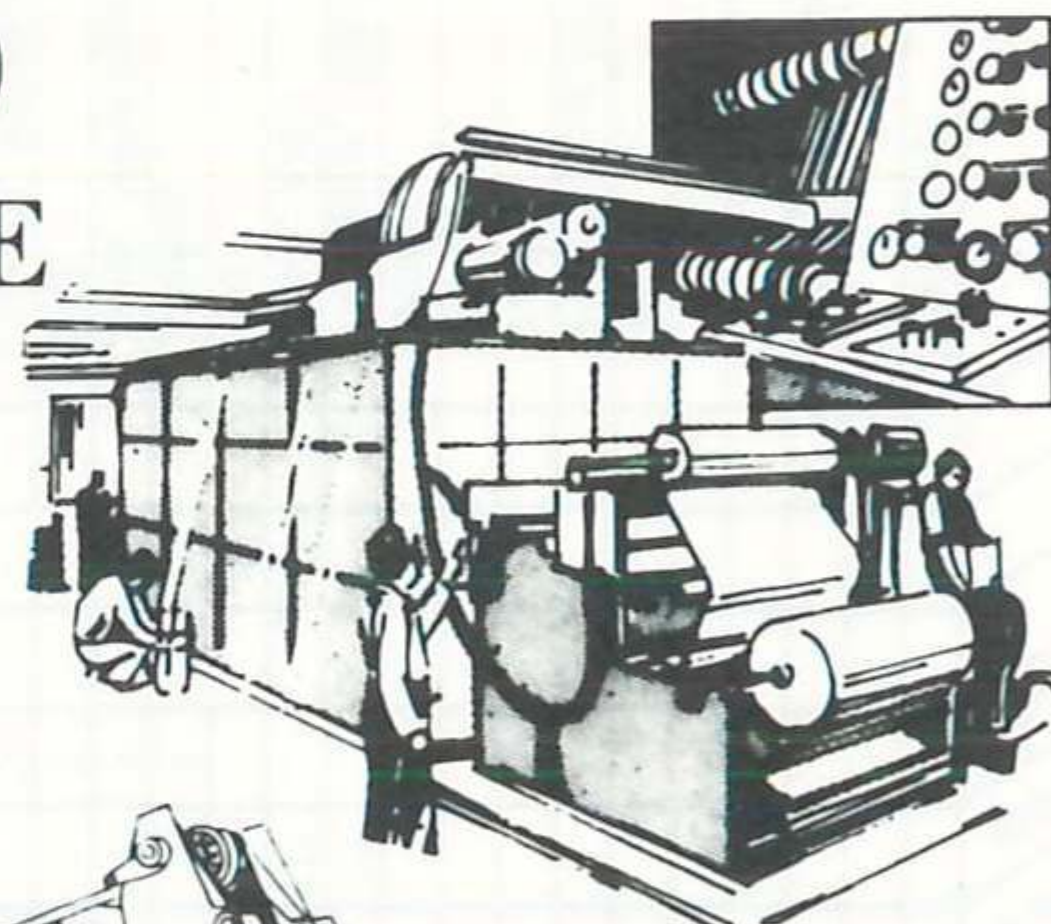


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**More Action from Bolton v Watford**  
Alan Gowling's shot is saved by the Watford goalkeeper

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|         | FA                  | Attn | Peacock | Graham | Burke | Wilson | Jones | Walsh | Gowling | Whatmore | Carter | Kidd | Cantello | Bennett | Hoggan | Nowak | Clement | McElhinney | Nicholson | Poole | Thompson | Nikolic | Reid |                                      |
|---------|---------------------|------|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|---------|----------|--------|------|----------|---------|--------|-------|---------|------------|-----------|-------|----------|---------|------|--------------------------------------|
| Aug. 16 | Notts County        | 1-2  | 7,459   |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        |       |         |            |           |       |          |         |      | Whatmore                             |
| 19      | SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY | 0-0  | 15,926  |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         | 12     |       |         |            |           |       |          |         |      |                                      |
| 23      | NEWCASTLE           | 4-0  | 11,835  |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        | 12    |         |            |           |       |          |         |      | Kidd(3) Whatmore                     |
| 26      | L.C. CRYSTAL PALACE | 0-3  | 9,913   |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        | 11    | 12*     |            |           |       |          |         |      |                                      |
| 30      | Derby County        | 0-1  | 17,378  |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        | 11    | 12      | 2          |           |       |          |         |      |                                      |
| Sept. 2 | L.C. Crystal Palace | 1-2  | 15,536  |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        | 11    | 12*     | 2          |           |       |          |         |      |                                      |
| 6       | BRISTOL ROVERS      | 2-0  | 8,712   |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        | 11    | 7       | 2          | 5         |       |          |         |      | Kidd                                 |
| 13      | Cardiff             | 1-1  | 6,532   |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        | 11    | 7       | 2          |           |       |          |         |      | Griffiths (o.g.) Gowling (pen)       |
| 20      | SWANSEA             | 1-4  | 9,419   |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        | 11    | 7       | 3          | 12        |       |          |         |      | Walsh                                |
| 27      | Oldham              | 1-1  | 10,174  |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        | 11    |         |            |           |       |          |         |      | Whatmore                             |
| Oct. 4  | CHELSEA             | 2-3  | 11,888  |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        | 12    |         |            | 1         | 7     |          |         |      | Cantello                             |
| 7       | Shrewsbury Town     | 2-1  | 5,077   |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        |       |         |            | 1         | 7     | 11       |         |      | Thompson, Gowling                    |
| 11      | Queens Park Rangers | 1-3  | 8,641   |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        |       |         |            | 2         | 1     | 11*      |         |      | Carter, Kidd                         |
| 18      | BRISTOL CITY        | 1-1  | 8,988   |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        |       |         |            | 2         | 1     |          |         |      | Kidd                                 |
| 21      | PRESTON NORTH END   | 2-1  | 10,713  |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        |       |         |            | 3         | 1     |          |         |      | Gowling                              |
| 25      | West Ham United     | 1-2  | 25,277  |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        |       |         |            | 1         |       |          |         |      | Carter, Whatmore                     |
| Nov. 1  | CAMBRIDGE UNITED    | 6-1  | 8,016   |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        |       |         |            | 12        | 1     |          |         |      | Kidd                                 |
| 8       | Watford             | 1-3  | 11,296  |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        |       |         |            | 2         | 1     |          |         |      | Kidd (3), Whatmore, Hoggan, Cantello |
| 11      | Sheffield Wednesday | 0-2  | 16,262  |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        |       |         |            | 2         | 1     |          |         |      | Hoggan                               |
| 22      | GRIMSBY TOWN (1)    |      |         |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        |       |         |            | 1         | 4     |          |         |      |                                      |
| 25      | NOTTS COUNTY        |      |         |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        |       |         |            |           |       |          |         |      |                                      |
| 29      | Luton Town          |      |         |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        |       |         |            |           |       |          |         |      |                                      |
| Dec. 6  | ORIENT              |      |         |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        |       |         |            |           |       |          |         |      |                                      |
| 13      | Bristol City (2)    |      |         |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        |       |         |            |           |       |          |         |      |                                      |
| 19      | QUEENS PARK RANGERS |      |         |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        |       |         |            |           |       |          |         |      |                                      |
| 26      | Wrexham             |      |         |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        |       |         |            |           |       |          |         |      |                                      |
| 27      | BLACKBURN ROVERS    |      |         |        |       |        |       |       |         |          |        |      |          |         |        |       |         |            |           |       |          |         |      |                                      |

1981

Jan. 3 F.A. Cup 3

10 Grimsby Town

17 DERBY COUNTY

24 F.A. Cup 4

31 Newcastle United

Feb. 7 CARDIFF CITY

14 Bristol Rovers (5)

21 OLDHAM ATHLETIC

28 Swansea City

Mar. 7 Chelsea (6)

14 SHREWSBURY T. (LCF)

21 Preston North End

28 WEST HAM UNITED

Apr. 4 Cambridge United

11 WATFORD (SF)

17

18 Blackburn Rovers

20 WREXHAM

25 Orient

May 2 LUTON TOWN

9 F.A. Cup Final

BURNDEN DATES

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

NOTTS COUNTY

TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 1980

KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

ORIENT

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 1980

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.



## LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Saturday 15th November 1980)

|                         | P         | W        | D        | L        | F         | A         | W        | D        | L        | F        | A         | Pts       |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| West Ham United         | 17        | 8        | 0        | 1        | 23        | 6         | 3        | 4        | 1        | 7        | 5         | 26        |
| Notts County            | 17        | 6        | 3        | 0        | 15        | 5         | 4        | 3        | 1        | 8        | 7         | 26        |
| Chelsea                 | 18        | 4        | 3        | 2        | 17        | 8         | 6        | 2        | 1        | 18       | 10        | 25        |
| Sheffield Wednesday     | 18        | 8        | 1        | 0        | 18        | 5         | 1        | 3        | 5        | 7        | 16        | 22        |
| Swansea City            | 17        | 4        | 2        | 2        | 13        | 9         | 3        | 5        | 1        | 11       | 7         | 21        |
| Blackburn Rovers        | 18        | 6        | 2        | 1        | 15        | 5         | 2        | 2        | 5        | 7        | 13        | 20        |
| Orient                  | 18        | 5        | 2        | 2        | 16        | 7         | 2        | 3        | 4        | 11       | 14        | 19        |
| Cambridge United        | 18        | 6        | 0        | 3        | 15        | 9         | 3        | 1        | 5        | 9        | 17        | 19        |
| Newcastle United        | 18        | 5        | 3        | 1        | 10        | 6         | 2        | 2        | 5        | 6        | 19        | 19        |
| Luton Town              | 18        | 4        | 3        | 2        | 14        | 10        | 3        | 1        | 5        | 10       | 13        | 18        |
| Derby County            | 17        | 3        | 3        | 2        | 13        | 13        | 3        | 3        | 3        | 10       | 12        | 18        |
| Queens Park Rangers     | 18        | 5        | 2        | 2        | 17        | 6         | 1        | 3        | 5        | 8        | 12        | 17        |
| Preston North End       | 17        | 3        | 4        | 1        | 9         | 5         | 1        | 4        | 4        | 5        | 13        | 16        |
| Shrewsbury Town         | 18        | 4        | 3        | 2        | 14        | 10        | 0        | 4        | 5        | 3        | 11        | 15        |
| Cardiff City            | 18        | 5        | 1        | 3        | 12        | 9         | 2        | 0        | 7        | 8        | 18        | 15        |
| <b>Bolton Wanderers</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>14</b> |
| Watford                 | 17        | 6        | 1        | 2        | 14        | 9         | 0        | 1        | 7        | 7        | 16        | 14        |
| Wrexham                 | 18        | 3        | 2        | 4        | 9         | 12        | 2        | 2        | 5        | 6        | 9         | 14        |
| Oldham Athletic         | 18        | 4        | 4        | 1        | 8         | 3         | 0        | 2        | 7        | 4        | 15        | 14        |
| Grimsby Town            | 17        | 3        | 5        | 1        | 4         | 2         | 0        | 3        | 5        | 4        | 13        | 14        |
| Bristol City            | 18        | 3        | 4        | 2        | 9         | 6         | 0        | 2        | 7        | 4        | 19        | 12        |
| Bristol Rovers          | 18        | 1        | 5        | 3        | 10        | 11        | 0        | 3        | 6        | 5        | 18        | 10        |



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## CENTRAL LEAGUE

| 1980-81 | 1981 | 1980-81 | 1981 | 1980-81 | 1981 | 1980-81 | 1981 |
|---------|------|---------|------|---------|------|---------|------|
| Aug.    | Jan. | Aug.    | Jan. | Aug.    | Jan. | Aug.    | Jan. |
| 16      | 3    | 16      | 3    | 16      | 3    | 16      | 3    |
| 20      | 10   | 20      | 10   | 20      | 10   | 20      | 10   |
| 27      | 13   | 27      | 13   | 27      | 13   | 27      | 13   |
| 30      | 14   | 30      | 14   | 30      | 14   | 30      | 14   |
| 3       | 22   | 3       | 22   | 3       | 22   | 3       | 22   |
| 13      | 31   | 13      | 31   | 13      | 31   | 13      | 31   |
| 20      | 10   | 20      | 10   | 20      | 10   | 20      | 10   |
| 24      | 11   | 24      | 11   | 24      | 11   | 24      | 11   |
| 27      | 14   | 27      | 14   | 27      | 14   | 27      | 14   |
| 4       | 25   | 4       | 25   | 4       | 25   | 4       | 25   |
| 7       | 28   | 7       | 28   | 7       | 28   | 7       | 28   |
| 11      | 7    | 11      | 7    | 11      | 7    | 11      | 7    |
| 15      | 14   | 15      | 14   | 15      | 14   | 15      | 14   |
| 22      | 21   | 22      | 21   | 22      | 21   | 22      | 21   |
| 24      | 24   | 24      | 24   | 24      | 24   | 24      | 24   |
| 29      | 4    | 29      | 4    | 29      | 4    | 29      | 4    |
| 2       | 11   | 2       | 11   | 2       | 11   | 2       | 11   |
| 9       | 18   | 9       | 18   | 9       | 18   | 9       | 18   |
| 13      | 25   | 13      | 25   | 13      | 25   | 13      | 25   |
| 20      | 29   | 20      | 29   | 20      | 29   | 20      | 29   |
| 23      | 8    | 23      | 8    | 23      | 8    | 23      | 8    |
| 27      | 11   | 27      | 11   | 27      | 11   | 27      | 11   |
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| 10      | 22   | 10      | 22   | 10      | 22   | 10      | 22   |
| 13      | 24   | 13      | 24   | 13      | 24   | 13      | 24   |
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| 13      | 22   | 13      | 22   | 13      | 22   | 13      | 22   |
| 14      | 31   | 14      | 31   | 14      | 31   | 14      | 31   |
| 22      | 10   | 22      | 10   | 22      | 10   | 22      | 10   |
| 31      | 11   | 31      | 11   | 31      | 11   | 31      | 11   |
| 10      | 14   | 10      | 14   | 10      | 14   | 10      | 14   |
| 11      | 25   | 11      | 25   | 11      | 25   | 11      | 25   |
| 14      | 28   | 14      | 28   | 14      | 28   | 14      | 28   |
| 25      | 7    | 25      | 7    | 25      | 7    | 25      | 7    |
| 28      | 14   | 28      | 14   | 28      | 14   | 28      | 14   |
| 7       | 21   | 7       | 21   | 7       | 21   | 7       | 21   |
| 14      | 24   | 14      | 24   | 14      | 24   | 14      | 24   |
| 21      | 4    | 21      | 4    | 21      | 4    | 21      | 4    |
| 24      | 11   | 24      | 11   | 24      | 11   | 24      | 11   |
| 4       | 17   | 4       | 17   | 4       | 17   | 4       | 17   |
| 11      | 18   | 11      | 18   | 11      | 18   | 11      | 18   |
| 17      | 21   | 17      | 21   | 17      | 21   | 17      | 21   |
| 18      | 25   | 18      | 25   | 18      | 25   | 18      | 25   |
| 2       | 2    | 2       | 2    | 2       | 2    | 2       | 2    |

# FACTS & FIGURES



# TEAM CHECK

## Bolton Wanderers

- 1 Terry Poole
- 2 Mike Graham
- 3 Dave Burke
- 4 Chris Thompson
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Mike Walsh
- 7 Peter Reid
- 8 Neil Whatmore
- 9 Dave Hoggan
- 10 Brian Kidd
- 11 Alan Gowling
- 12



## Grimsby Town

- 1 Nigel Batch
- 2 John Stone
- 3 Dean Crombie
- 4 Joe Waters
- 5 Clive Wigginton
- 6 Kevin Moore
- 7 Mike Brolly
- 8 Tony Ford
- 9 Kevin Drinkell
- 10 Bob Mitchell
- 11 Bob Cumming
- 12 Kevin Kilmore

### Referee:

N. J. Ashley (Nantwich, Cheshire)

### Linesmen:

J. Caulkin (Stoke-on-Trent) (Red Flag)

J. J. Shawcross (Northwich, Cheshire)  
(Yellow Flag)

## HALF TIME SCOREBOARD

|          |                                             |  |  |
|----------|---------------------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>A</b> | ARSENAL<br>EVERTON                          |  |  |
| <b>B</b> | BIRMINGHAM CITY<br>TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR        |  |  |
| <b>C</b> | BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION<br>MANCHESTER UNITED |  |  |
| <b>D</b> | LIVERPOOL<br>ASTON VILLA                    |  |  |
| <b>E</b> | MANCHESTER CITY<br>COVENTRY CITY            |  |  |
| <b>F</b> | MIDDLESBROUGH<br>WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS    |  |  |
| <b>G</b> | NORWICH CITY<br>SUNDERLAND                  |  |  |
| <b>H</b> | NOTTINGHAM FOREST<br>IPSWICH TOWN           |  |  |
| <b>I</b> | SOUTHAMPTON<br>LEEDS UNITED                 |  |  |
| <b>J</b> | STOKE CITY<br>CRYSTAL PALACE                |  |  |
| <b>K</b> | WEST BROMWICH ALBION<br>LEICESTER CITY      |  |  |
| <b>L</b> |                                             |  |  |
| <b>M</b> | BRISTOL ROVERS<br>DERBY COUNTY              |  |  |
| <b>N</b> | CAMBRIDGE UNITED<br>BRISTOL CITY            |  |  |
| <b>O</b> | CARDIFF CITY<br>LUTON TOWN                  |  |  |
| <b>P</b> | CHELSEA<br>SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY              |  |  |
| <b>Q</b> | NEWCASTLE UNITED<br>WREXHAM                 |  |  |
| <b>R</b> | OLDHAM ATHLETIC<br>ORIENT                   |  |  |
| <b>S</b> | PRESTON NORTH END<br>QUEENS PARK RANGERS    |  |  |
| <b>T</b> | SHREWSBURY TOWN<br>NOTTS COUNTY             |  |  |
| <b>U</b> | WATFORD<br>BLACKBURN ROVERS                 |  |  |
| <b>V</b> | WEST HAM UNITED<br>SWANSEA CITY             |  |  |
| <b>W</b> | DARLINGTON<br>BURY                          |  |  |
| <b>X</b> | WIGAN ATHLETIC<br>CHESTERFIELD              |  |  |



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